



Riana Development Network

Harnessing the future

Newsletter

Welcome to our sixth edition of the RDN Newsletter. Find out more about the programmes we're doing in your community

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NRCSE Bronze Award accreditation



On Wednesday 25th October 2017, teachers, students and volunteers visited Hammersmith Town Hall to collect the award presented to the RDN Supplementary School.

The Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham, Michael Cartwright, was also present at the awards ceremony. The NRCSE Bronze Quality Framework Award is a mark of accreditation for supplementary schools. It recognises good management within schools and the quality of teaching and learning that takes place.

Three students from the school were selected to come to the event on the basis of their hard work and attitude to learning every week.

Project Coordinator, Rodgers Orero, would like to say thank you to all the volunteers for the time they spend running the RDN Supplementary School.

What's going on?

Riana Youth Hub

Ages 11-18yrs

Wednesdays 5-7pm

Alf Chandler Centre,
Hounslow

Supplementary Education

Ages 7-16yrs

Saturdays 12-4pm

Alf Chandler Centre, Hounslow

Community Allotment

Open to all

Wednesdays 3:30-4:45pm

Waye Avenue, Cranford

Volunteer Partnership with Brunel and St Mary's University



This year has seen RDN partner with Brunel University and St Mary's University to offer volunteering opportunities to university students. So far, three volunteers from Brunel have joined the charity to help in Supplementary Education.

Maxwell Omondi spoke to one of the new volunteers helping this year, Monica.

1) Why did you choose to volunteer with RDN?

RDN caught my eye straight away when I was applying for volunteer work. The amazing work that they do and what they aim to do with helping young people is so inspiring and was something I wanted to be a part of. In addition, as an undergraduate at university studying education, this was a great chance to gain more experience and build up my skills as a teacher for the future.

2) What have you enjoyed most about volunteering so far?

I have truly enjoyed my time so far volunteering with RDN. I am lucky enough to have an amazing team at RDN who are always ready to help me and who are so great in what they do. It is great working alongside all the children and see them succeed and the happiness they feel when they get the work right. I've certainly enjoyed feeling challenged at times as it helps me grow and develop as a teacher.

3) What advice would you give to young people about volunteering?

Some advice I would give to young people about volunteering would be to definitely take up any opportunity you get to do some volunteer work. It is so rewarding and worthwhile. It is an exciting experience and a time you spend really trying to make a difference in peoples lives. I would encourage every young person to do so.

RDN would like to say a special thanks to existing and past volunteers who have helped in volunteer programmes.

Creative Writing Showcase

This term at the RDN Supplementary School, the Year 5&6 group have been working on creative writing. One student decided to write their own narrative in their own time and shared it in front of the class which was fantastic to see!



Here is an extract of their story:

I'm sitting on my bed right now, thinking about everything that just happened. It was only weeks since it happened. I don't know what to do. All I heard was a voice in my head, telling me to stop. All I wanted to do was bring my parents together. But that just made matters worse. It's WW3 right now. My dad is in the RAF and my mum makes clothes at home for the soldiers. I just sit around and look after my younger siblings. But I'm only 17. I'm not even an adult yet. Everything around me just turns into a blur. I was dreaming. Knowing that this was only a positive side of what happened because right now I'm nowhere near 17. I had no siblings. My mum and dad died or so I thought...

I am now facing this challenge to find out if they're really dead or not. The clues are a mystery and the mystery leads me to a dead end. I feel like my heart is reaching its peak, pounding out of my chest. I look at myself in the mirror, knowing that I'm not good enough.

Two hours later, I heard the doorbell ring. It's the first time I heard the doorbell ring in two years. I peer through the eyehole. It's a familiar face. It's her. I opened the door and the person said, "Hello, is this May Cooper?"

"Yes this is she." I replied.

"Can I come in?" The person asked.

"Who are you?" I said puzzled. My heart was beating faster now.

"It's your mother."

I froze.

Written by Hanan