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# Followers of fashion

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THREE local fashion students were among more than 100 designers who took part in a series of workshops.

Ada Anoje, 17, of Connaught Road, Canning Town, a student at St Angela's and St Bonaventure's combined sixth form; Mariam Ahmed, 17, of Dersingham Avenue, Manor Park and Ruma Begum, 18, of Monega Road, Manor Park, both from Newham Sixth Form College, were among the finalists at the 3rd Fashion Awareness Direct Junior Awards.

The awards marked the end of Fashion Futures 2, a series of workshops that began in January this year with 130 participants from across nine boroughs and one school in Beijing.

The girls were among 30 finalists awarded a place on an intensive summer workshop held at the prestigious Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design where they produced a finished outfit inspired by the upcoming 2008 and 2012 Olympics and the historic trading links between the UK and China.

The junior awards are arranged by Fashion Awareness Direct, an educational fashion charity that provides workshops and competitions where industry professionals work with students to develop their future.

The aim is to support creative young people to realise their potential by providing a platform to bridge the gap between school, further education and the industry.



● Models strutting outfits designed by Mariam (above) and Ada (below)

