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Students shine in fashion's top week



A model wears a design by Aminata Kulufua (right)

FOUR Hackney designers were among talented teenagers who competed in a junior London Fashion Week Final. The girls were among 23 young designers showcasing their collections at the 2009 Fashion Awareness Direct (FAD) Junior Awards in Holborn last week. Aminata Kulufua, 19, of BSix Brooke House Sixth Form College in Kenninghall Road, Upper Clapton, was offered a two-week design placement at River Island on the night. "I really enjoyed being able to create something," she said. "The joy of creating is what got me into fashion in the first place. Also meeting lots of new people. I get really inspired by looking at what they are creating as well."

The final was the culmination of a week spent developing and finishing designs at Central St Martin's College of Art in July. The Hackney girls were selected from 130 young designers who took part in FAD's workshops this year. The other finalists from the borough were Kesoon Chance, 17, of BSix, Simone Hinds, 17, of Clapton Girls' Technology College, Laura Place, Lower Clapton, and Sumayya Julium, 18, of Skinners' Company's Girls' School in Stamford Hill. FAD is a charity helping young people into a career in the fashion industry.



Simone Hinds (right) and model



Kesoon Chance (above) works on her design (below)



Sumayya Julium at work



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