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London Borough of Redbridge

Redbridge Institute

LEARNER AWARD CEREMONY

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2026
6PM - 8PM

Gants Hill Campus

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Welcome

TO THE REDBRIDGE INSTITUTE LEARNER AWARDS CEREMONY

Dear Learners and Guests,

Welcome to Redbridge Institute's Learner Award Ceremony, proudly sponsored by OCN London, University of East London and Virtual IT. Tonight, we come together to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our learners and the power of adult education.

At Redbridge Institute, we offer a space for growth and learning, with courses spanning essential subjects like Maths, English, and Digital Skills, to vocational pathways such as Teaching Assistants and Childcare. Each year, we serve a vibrant community of over 2,000 learners who inspire us with their dedication and passion.

To all our learners, your hard work and determination is truly inspiring. This evening, we honour your achievements and your commitment to lifelong learning.

As you receive your awards, remember that learning is a journey with no limits. We encourage you to keep exploring new opportunities, transforming your life and making a positive impact on others along the way.

Thank you for being a part of Redbridge Institute.

William Pickford

Principal

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PROGRAMME

Welcome Address & Housekeeping
- William Pickford, Principal

Opening of the event
- Lesley Seary CBE, Chair of Governors

Order of the evening & Master of Ceremonies
- Maria Sotiriou, Assistant Principal, Curriculum

Award Presentation by Worshipful Mayor, Bert Jones
- Vocational Category - Nin Sangar, Programme Manager
- Skills For Life Category - Naeem Nisar, Programme Manager

My Learning Journey
- Juliet Ekpu, Mayor of London Award Nominee

Award Presentation by Worshipful Mayor, Bert Jones
- Enrichment Category - Alexandra Bates, Programme Manager
- Volunteering Category - David Coleman, Assistant Principal, Student Services

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My Learning Journey
- Tamara Prodan, Teaching Assistant L3 & Conversation Club Leader

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Digital Ambassadors Awards
- Usman Ramzan, IT Support, Virtual IT

Volunteering Awards
- Carlos Cubillo-Barsi, CEO, OCN London

Learner of the Month Awards
- Dr Caroline McGlynn, Academic Cluster Lead for Pre-Qualifying Courses, University of East London

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Principal's Award
- William Pickford, Principal

Closing Remarks
- Lesley Seary CBE, Chair of Governors

Refreshments and Group Photos

AWARD WINNERS

Vocational Category

Childcare: Working in the Early Years Sector Level 3 Diploma (Year 2)

Mutahira Anas
Manna Begum
Sadaf Bilal
Fatou Dibba
Maria Epure
Thereses Gaelle Guemani Kameni
Nahid Sultana Hoque
Shaonza Hossain
Gurpreet Kaur
Maria Khalid
Nazia Khan
Sowbageyam Mailsamy
Shamsun Nahar
Uzma Noreen
Symum Popy
Nishma Raza
Kiran Sisodia
Edmire Sokoli

Teaching Assistant - Supporting Teaching and Learning Level 3 Diploma

Sunbal Ahmed
Suma Akter
Tamina Ali
Aysha Ameen
Vrashali Gandalwar
Michelle Gomes
Nupur Gupta
Greta Kalinauskiene
Samina Kausar
Amna Khawaja
Aisha Memon
Sheeba Mamoon Rashid
Aliya Sarwar
Muneer Fatima Shah
Geanina Taskiran

AWARD WINNERS

Skills For Life Category

GCSE English

Rose Alfadhel
Gareth Brown
Sindu Denesh
Priti Dutta
Shalu Govil
Zeenat Zaman Hasanuzzaman Kamrul
Fakhrah Khan
Onti Mattubbar
Aqlima Mayar
Charlotte Pearce
Uzma Rani
Maria Razzaq
Hira Salman
Asma Shahzad
Lalti Kumari Yadav

GCSE Maths

Kiran Aftab
Rose Alfadhel
Swedha Balakrishnan
Munira Damiel
Radhia Dridi
Kim Greenaway
Shital Ingulkar
Amina Kashif
Sasirekha Leburi
Maria Razzaq
Maria Joris Sinthuja Selvarajh
Farzana Asif
Sarmistha Biswas
Mima Dzhumerkova
Sindhura Kota
Hamadou Mohamadou
Mubashera Mohammed
Sureka Mugunthan
Nassera Ould Mohammed
Sobia Qureshi
Nabeela Sahar
Sunita Tiwari
Vibha Trivedi
Sutharsini Vanniyasingam

AWARD WINNERS

Skills for Life Category (cont.)

Digital Skills for Work Level 2 Award

Sobia Ahmed
Fouzia Aktar
Afsana Akter
Rita Alam Begum
Sumaiya Altaf
Ayesha Bashir
Tahira Beg
Ayasha Begum
Poly Begum
Rani Chaudry
Khaleda Chowdhury
Sakina Gul
Kanny Heer
Shaonza Hossain
Sana Imran
Javaria Iqbal
Jasna Islam
Gurpreet Kaur
Samina Kausar
Nesha Khalipa
Sindhura Kota
Kalpana Kumarachelvan
Afia Lasker
Ammara Malik
Sindy Carolina Marin Arias
Sriparna Mazumder
Julinada Meco
Celnike Mesut
Nazia Hussain Mohammed
Michael Moraise
Farjana Muntaha
Yogana Nishanthan
Samina Irfan Patel
Saadia Perveen
Imrana Pervin
Soumya Revankar
Shaista Rizwan
Sarah Shahid
Kanwal Shahzadi
Sabrinbanu Ouzef Shaikh
Zaheda Shaikh
Yalini Shaseetharan
Neerja Singh
Baby Venkata lakshmi Thotakura
Fatema Zohra

AWARD WINNERS

Enrichment Category

Cycling Training

Razia Akhi
Rabia Aslam
Sandra Braham
Sana Imran
Shaista Liaqat
Rozy Paul Das
Tasphia Roushan
Jesmin Akter
Hoxha Violeta
Taslima Jeba
Maria Qureshi
Riffat Roshan
Saima Shafeeq
Khizra Rathore
Mehjabin Patel
Nooriya Naseri
Ritu Kaur

Gardening Club

Nazma Akter
Nabil Arefi
Mariam Begum
Farjana Begum
Farzana Bibi
Yana Bondarchuk
Rohima Khatun
Maryna Kurhanska
Leonid Kurhanskyi
Maria Lesnic
Sathiyabama Loganathan
Olena Rakitova
Olha Torunina
Sin Ting Li
Sharif Osman

Skill Swap

Jesmin Akter
Shule Begum
Khdija Begum
Rujina Chowdhury
Bintou Diabate
Negar Imanibahmanbigloo
Parul Khanam
Turgut Kocakaya
Theo Muamba Konga
Olha Kovtutska
Sobika Prasath
Anna Rachuk
Shiuly Khanom Shimu
Rajeswari Supaya
Vathana Tharsan
Hoxha Violeta

AWARD WINNERS

Enrichment Category (cont.)

National Numeracy Day

Shaista Liaqat

Mental Health Awareness Week

Sharline Millwood

Neurodiversity Week

Judith Guarte
Shanice Rollingson
Tracy Morris

Inclusion Challenge

Aasma Butt
Afsana Akter
Khadija Maliha Binte Islam
Lovely Begum
Lubna Hasan
Madiha Adnan
Niharika Bhowmick
Qodrat Ullah Ahmadzai
Saima Shafeeq

Volunteering Category

Conversation Club Leaders

Tamina Ali
Afshan Arshad
Jacqueline Bridges
Kanny Heer
Javaria Iqbal
Uzma Kanwal
Caroline Madongo
Deepali Misra
Annet Paul
Tamara Prodan
Nur Said

AWARD WINNERS

Sponsored Awards

Volunteer Training Programme, sponsored by OCN London

Afshan Arshad
Swedha Balakrishnan
Blessing Bankole
Linda Highton
Shital Ingulkar
Uzma Kanwal
Sasirekha Leburi
Caroline Madongo
Deepali Misra
Amin Muftah
Tamara Prodan
Nur Said

Learner of the Month, sponsored by University of East London

Lovely Begum
Rupanajana Roy
Sandra Braham
Taslima Begum Jeba
Sindhura Kota
Juliet Ekpu
Pushpathevy Arunmainayagam
Shaista Liaqat

Digital Ambassador, sponsored by Virtual IT

Javaria Iqbal
Afshan Arshad
Swedha Balakrishnan
Deepali Misra
Caroline Madongo

Special Award

Principal's Award

Juliet Ekpu

MAYOR OF LONDON AWARD NOMINEE



When Juliet enrolled at Redbridge Institute, she was facing extraordinary personal circumstances. Having fled her home country, she was living with her family in temporary hotel accommodation while pregnant with her fourth child and trying to rebuild her life in the UK. Despite the uncertainty, she was determined to create better opportunities through education.

Passionate about working with young children but lacking recognised qualifications, Juliet enrolled on the Level 2 Early Years Childcare course, developing knowledge of child development, safeguarding and professional childcare practice.

Her commitment never faltered, even after serious complications following childbirth led to a two-week hospital stay. Throughout, she remained focused on her studies.

Alongside her course, Juliet volunteered in a nursery for over a year while balancing family life and study. Her dedication impressed employers and led to a permanent role as a nursery practitioner.

She is now progressing towards her Level 3 qualification, with ambitions to one day establish her own nursery.

Tamara Prodan

TEACHING ASSISTANT L3 & VOLUNTEER CONVERSATION CLUB LEADER



Tamara Prodan joined Redbridge Institute as a learner, enrolling onto Teaching Assistant Level 1 after moving to the UK from Moldova, where she had previously trained and worked as a teacher.

With a strong academic background, including postgraduate qualifications and teaching experience, she enrolled to further develop her English language skills and explore opportunities to continue her professional journey in the UK.

During her time as a learner, Tamara actively participated in classes and took part in volunteering opportunities recommended by her tutors. These experiences helped her gain a better understanding of the local education environment and provided opportunities to use her existing skills in new settings.

Within months of joining the Institute, Tamara successfully applied for a position as an ESOL Community Tutor. By September, she had progressed from learner to tutor and began supporting adult learners across the community. In her role, she teaches English to speakers of other languages, helping learners develop the communication skills needed for everyday life, employment and engagement with local services.

Congratulations
from everyone at

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