

## ThinkForward students create BBC commissioned film



The Summer holidays can be a risky time for young people if they go unoccupied outside of the structure of formal education. To plug the gap ThinkForward arranged for students from Haggerston School worked with a local historical creative arts provider, Hoxton Hall, and the Media Trust on a film project. Commissioned by the BBC, the three minute work is based on the Olympic Legacy and how it has impacted positively on local disadvantaged young people.

The young people did everything: wrote the script, appeared in the film, got behind the cameras, and edited the footage. The project engendered a great deal of resilience and determination, and built skills from emotional intelligence to technical knowledge. Young filmmaker Kianu summed it up: "I really enjoyed working on this project. I was the project manager and it really helped me to build my leadership skills!"

On 26 September, friends, family and staff attended a screening of the final film at Hoxton Hall. The girls talked about the skills they'd learned and their motivation for carrying on even in the difficult moments; they sang songs, gave presentations, and even recited their own poetry to a proud audience.