

2009 FAD Junior Awards Final

Last night Prendergast Hilly Fields student **Katerina Drury, 18**, was awarded the top accolade at the 2009 FAD Junior Awards, held at Vauxhall Fashion Scout.

Pairing an 'edgy' cutwork, metallic leather skirt with shimmery grey bodysuit, Katerina dazzled press and industry guests with her futuristic interpretation of the Arts & Crafts theme. The stunned and delighted winner was welcomed on stage by Martyn Roberts, Director of Vauxhall Fashion Scout, who presented her with the coveted top prize – a two week placement with Editor in Chief of Volt Magazine, Rui Faria.

Three runner-up awards were also announced – for Creativity, **Miriam Mwangi, 19**, from NewVic 6th Form College (Newham); for Research, **Egle Zepkinaite, 17**, from City & Islington College (Islington); and for Pattern Cutting, **Lily Harriman, 17**, from Camden School for Girls (Camden). In addition, a special mention was given to Salford finalist **Lizzie Prince, 17**, (Pendleton College) in recognition of her accomplished fashion illustrations.

The project is heavily supported by industry, and on the evening there was a packed house at the Freemason's Hall with guests from Harrods, ASOS.com, River Island, John Lewis and Grazia taking front row seats. Excited family, friends and teachers were also there to support the young designer's debut at London Fashion Week.

Originally selected from 130 young people who participated in FAD's **Fashion Futures 2** workshops earlier this year, the 23 finalists spent a week at FAD's Summer School, held at Central Saint Martins. Supported by a team of tutors, technicians and student mentors, the 17 – 19 year olds had only 5 days in which to construct their designs for the catwalk final.

Despite London Fashion Week now drawing to a close, there will be a chance for the public to see the finalists' outfits showcased again this week – this time to thousands of people – when they take part in a catwalk show in Trafalgar Square, on Sunday 27th September as part of London Peace Week.

Editor's notes:



2009 FAD Junior Awards Jury

- Naomi Dominique – Design Director, River Island
- Francesca Muston – Retail Editor, WGSN.com
- Michael Tomczak – Head of Design, John Lewis
- Lesley DeFreitas – Lecturer, Central Saint Martins
- Maria Alvarez – Executive Director, FAD



About FAD:

FAD (Fashion Awareness Direct) is a creative charity supporting young people to bridge the gap between education and the fashion industry.

We specialise in running professional fashion workshops and competitions for 13 – 25 year olds, working with creative young people throughout their education from secondary school and college right through to university.

FAD believes that through fashion young people, especially those from less advantaged backgrounds, can gain the confidence and transferable skills they need to succeed in the future. As a direct result of taking part in the Junior Awards, past finalists have gone on to study at institutions such as Ravensbourne, London College of Fashion and Chelsea School of Art & Design.

To date FAD has worked with more than 4,000 young people across the UK. In 2009 the charity was presented with the 'Chairman's Award' by Sir Mike Tomlinson, at the London Educational Partnership Awards (LEPA). www.fad.org.uk



Funders & Supporters:

- **Aimhigher** is a national programme for young people who come from groups currently under-represented in higher education. The programme aims to raise aspirations through a range of activities including university visits, sustained study support and information, advice and guidance about university and student life. www.aimhigher.ac.uk
- **The London Development Agency (LDA)** works to improve the quality of life for all Londoners and drive sustainable economic growth www.lda.gov.uk
- **Newham College of Further Education** is committed to educational and social inclusion. Graded by Ofsted in June 09 as 'Outstanding', the College has developed a wide range of courses and initiatives to meet the needs of the fashion sector. FAD have been a key partner in the development of the College's fashion courses for many years, providing a range of introductory courses to give young people a real taste of what working in fashion involves.



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