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Be the next photographer of the year



Oscar's work, clockwise from left: 'Armchair'; Brondesbury Park Overground cargo train (inset); a Dalston warehouse; the Westway; Hendon Football Ground

BUDDING young photographers are being encouraged to enter a competition that could kick start their career. Oscar Stewart-Packe, from Hackney, won the Take A View

Young Landscape Photographer of the Year award in 2011. The talented 15-year-old was inspired by inner city scenes of urban decay. His image 'Armchair' (above), showing a derelict house in Kilburn, won

him £1,000 and a place on a two-day photography workshop with professional photographer, Charlie Waite. He said: "These places are often derelict or abandoned, but they reveal a forgotten history and

beauty which I try and expose." Entries for this year's competition are now open. For more info, visit: www.worldphoto.org/competitions/portrait-of-your-city-open-competition

Take a byte out of volunteering

ONLINE Citizen TV channel **WORLDbytes**, based in Hackney, is offering a free, four to six-week film-making programme for young volunteers to engage in topical issues.

Would-be young journalists will have a chance to gain insight into global affairs and social equality.

They not only gain editing and interviewing skills, but will also

finish the course having produced a professional streaming broadcast news report.

Organisers say volunteering for **WORLDbytes** will give young people the opportunity 'to question the normal' and to practise the newest skills of videographers and journalists for free.

Applying requires no CV – only a passion for a journalism. For more info, visit: www.worldbytes.org



Want to become a citizen journalist? Sign up to a **WORLDbytes** course

News in brief

Youth homeless advice service

HACKNEY Community Law Centre (HCLC) has launched a new homeless advice service for 16 to 24-year-olds. HCLC has teamed up with advice workers from local organisations Off Centre and Springboard Hackney, to provide specialist legal advice on housing issues including:

- Homelessness applications
- Renting in the private sector (when there are legal issues or as part of a homelessness application)
- Claiming benefits when the young person is homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Rent arrears
- Evictions
- Accessing support from social services

HCLC youth caseworker Chorouk El-Adib said: "This age group is one of the largest groups recorded as statutory homeless and nearly half of those who are classified as living in 'non-statutory homeless households'."

The youth advice sessions take place every Thursday, between 10am and 1pm, at either Off Centre or Springboard Hackney.

To make an appointment, call Off Centre on: **020 8986 4016** or HCLC on: **07530 845 303**. For more info, visit: www.hclc.org.uk/2012/02/new-service-for-homeless-young-people



Homeless advice service

YH Word wants to hear from you

By **Michelle Stannard, 21**

YH WORLD wants to hear your stories. Whether it's meeting celebrities, comparing skateboard moves or just jamming with your friends, get in touch. All you need to do is send in a photograph of yourself, or something that best represents you, and a few lines explaining why. It can be anything from images of your family cat to a signed photo of Kanye West!

The best photos could be published in the next edition of Hackney Today. Send your pictures and blurb via our Twitter [@yhweare](https://twitter.com/yhweare); or e-mail: michelletheeditor@gmail.com



Have you met Kanye?

This page...

has been compiled with help from staff and volunteers at YH World – a social enterprise that produces a website full of info about events, courses, and general happenings in Hackney.

They aim to make sure young people don't miss out – and most of the stuff they include is free to take part in. They are always looking for young journalists and undercover reporters. To get involved call: **07968 532 923**; or visit: www.yhworld.co.uk