



## Film screenings success for arts and media students

Arts and Media students demonstrated their creativity, organisation and production talents when they set up a film screening festival called Film East at the CEME centre in Rainham.

The 11 Havering Sixth Form College students organised the event after attending an Events and Festival Management course.

The course was run by Annette Telesford, in partnership with East Potential (a charity that works to empower people to create a better future for themselves) and Circus Media (a media production house which provides training and support for the local community). The event was held in the 'pod' at CEME.

The film and media arts course covered music video production, animation, broadcast reporting and acting for camera and then the Havering First Year BTEC Media students and Foundation Diploma Art & Design students showcased some of their films at the screening event they organised, which was attended by media professionals, video artists and VIPs.

Professional actor and presenter Adam Deacon, who has had roles in Sugar Rush, Spooks, A Touch of Frost, Casualty, Kidulthood, Shank and The Bill, and professional guest speaker and novelist Saci Lloyd, who has worked as a script editor for Camouflage Films, introduced the films on the night.

A total of 11 pieces, including music videos, films and promos, were shown. Havering Sixth Form College were involved in two screenings – a music video called **Gum** about a young man breaking into college and getting more than he bargained for; and a film called **The Big Game** about a man caught in a poker game with an organised crime gang.

The other films were made by students from Newham, Barking & Dagenham, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest and Redbridge.

Havering Sixth Form College Principal Paul Wakeling, who attended the screenings, said: "I really enjoyed the variety of films shown and it proved to be another success for our College and talented students."

Steve Harrington, College Co-ordinator for Creative Arts and Media, said: "I was extremely impressed with the professionalism shown by our students. Our students were the stars of the show, both with respect to the films submitted and the students' involvement in organising the event. Well done to everyone involved."

The students involved were: Connor Bath, Louis Clark, Georgia-Mae English, Teaghen Fraser, Joy Williams, Aaron Yhnell, Alex Anthony, Elliot Nathan, Lois Browne, Serena Francis, Martin Perrett and Suhaila Suhaimi.

The students in the photos are Lois Browne and Suhaila Suhaimi, and Hackney-born actor Adam Deacon.