

# The Harlington Area Schools Trust



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This Easter, we were delighted to hear that we had been successful in our bid to be part of the *Learning Futures* project.

The project is being co-ordinated by the Innovation Unit and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, and will feed into an international inquiry into learning and teaching involving over 25 countries.

The Harlington Trust is one of only 15 sites across the country, from Newcastle to Portsmouth, involved in the project.

The plan is to deliver three projects this year, one per term, each lasting for around five days and involving students in Years 3, 7, and 9. Students will work in groups and decide for themselves how they will go about the projects, with the teachers playing the role of advisors.

The three projects that we have planned for this year are:

1. Plan a Campaign around an issue of interest or concern in your local area.

2. An *Apprentice* style task where students have to research, design, make, advertise and sell their own products.

3. An Awareness Raising Campaign, highlighting the importance of an issue concerning the health of young people.

The aim of each project will be to inspire our young people by looking at new and exciting ways of applying the skills they have learnt in other areas of the curriculum to real life situations.

## Project 1: Plan a Campaign

The first project, called 'Plan a Campaign', will take place this term.

Students in Years 3, 7 and 9, across all the schools in the Trust, will be asked to work together in small groups to plan a campaign and raise awareness of an issue that they feel passionate about.

Pupils in Year 3 will be asked to consider an issue in their school. Middle school pupils will consider a local issue, such as the development of Junction 12 or the new Center Parcs. Whilst Students in Year 9 will be free to choose any issue at a local, national or international level.

If you have experience of planning or co-ordinating a local, national or

international campaign or would just like to know how you can be involved in this first project, then please speak to the Learning Futures contact in your school.

The first joint day, for all five schools in the Trust, will take place on Friday 4th December 2009.

