



TOWER HAMLETS COLLEGE

# LUMNI

BE OUR AMBASSADOR



# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**I am extremely proud to welcome you as a member of the Tower Hamlets College Alumni Association. As a former student, you are entitled to free lifetime membership of our association.**

You may have left us a few years ago, or only recently, but you are not forgotten! Your success is something that the college takes great pride in and we want to use your success to inspire the next generation of students to advance their dreams and ambitions.

I hope that as one of our alumni, you will act as an ambassador for the College and help us develop our future success stories.

As a college, we are strongly rooted in our community and will continue to be so, offering a choice of educational opportunities.

We want to foster long lasting relationships with our former students and I hope you can accept our invitation to be part of your life again, so that we can follow your progress and share your achievements with our students.

**Gerry McDonald**  
Principal

# INSPIRE OTHERS TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS

**You are important to us as you are our greatest achievement. Our goal is to produce successful and diligent individuals who go on to do great things. All we ask in return is a little bit of your time to help us grow our profile and inspire the next generation of students.**

## What can you do as an alumnus?

### Keep in touch

We don't want to forget you once you've left us, in fact now that we don't see you we're even more eager to know what you're getting up to!

### Share your professional success

We want to celebrate your success and let everyone know what you've achieved. Who knows, you could appear in our next marketing campaign on social media or on a poster somewhere in Tower Hamlets!

### Mentoring

Ever thought about giving something back to the students? You might not be aware but you're the ideal candidate to help motivate our current students. You could come in to give a talk to a class, maybe even to a group in the class you were once a student in.

### Spread the Word

Prospective students value your first-hand knowledge and insight into the College.

### Provide a profile

Share your experience of your time with us and how your study here has helped you succeed.

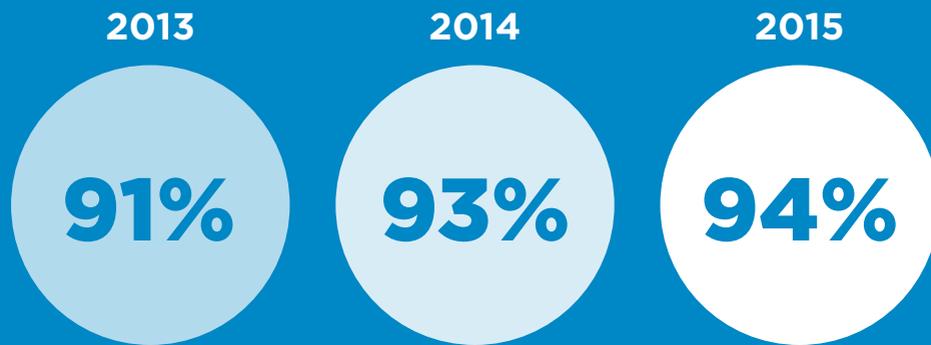
### Represent the College at events

Come and speak to prospective students at events and maintain your connection with us by participating in a range of events held throughout the year.



# A BRIGHT FUTURE

Our achievement rates are continuously improving



**50+**

Students sent to KPMG internships, the most of any London colleges

We help students successfully prepare and apply to leading international companies in Canary Wharf and the City of London like KPMG, EY, Thomson Reuters and Cap Gemini

We send more 16-18 Tower Hamlets students to university than other local schools and colleges. Last year 87% of our students went to university, way above the national average of 75% for 2015.

**87%**

# WHAT OFSTED SAID ABOUT US

**A GOOD COLLEGE WITH OUTSTANDING FEATURES**

Ofsted 2014

The college makes a very significant difference to people's lives

## **Outstanding business provision**

Enthusiastic and skilled teachers have the confidence to plan and teach lessons thoughtfully and imaginatively, enabling learners to be successful

## **Success rates are very high in many A-level subjects**

Learners enjoy studying at the college and are highly motivated in most lessons

## **Teachers promote a supportive and caring learning environment**

Students at the college develop excellent employability skills

Many learners benefit from mentoring and internships provided by prestigious local business and accounting companies

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Rachel Molina

Studied Access to Photography and now a successful professional photographer

### When and what did you study here?

I studied Photojournalism at Tower Hamlets College back in 1998. It was a fantastic course which led me to do a course at the London College of Communication. I then came back to do a photography access course in 2012 for a year.

### Highlights of studying here

Well, as I've studied here twice I must think it's a great place to study! The tutors are just fantastic so that's a big bonus for me. Some of the tutors I've kept in touch with, so that's been a lovely thing.

### What does it mean to be an Alumni?

I think its lovely to revisit a place where you have happy memories of studying at. Being an Alumni of somewhere gives you a brilliant chance to recommend the college to others.

### What do you do now?

Since leaving here in 2013 I have worked as a professional photographer.

### What have you achieved since leaving THC?

Since leaving the College I have continued to grow professionally and creatively and my photography has taken me in many directions. I won first prize for a photographic competition called 'No Negatives' for the Age Action Alliance which studied the positive sides of getting older. I've had work published by the Guardian and this year I was lucky enough to be selected for the Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize at the National Portrait Gallery.



# OUR 'FAMOUS' ALUMNI

You may not be aware that we have some 'famous' alumni who studied with us.



### Alfred Hitchcock

Alfred Hitchcock the famous Hollywood film director studied at the old College building, when it was the School for Marine Engineering and Navigation at the turn of the 20th Century. Born in Stepney, Hitchcock went onto become one of the most famous film directors, directing such classic movies like North by North West, The Birds and Psycho amongst others.

### Tinchy Strider

Tinchy Stryder grew up in Bow and attended the college studying a creative arts course. He went onto UEL to gain a BA in Digital Arts, Animation and Moving Images. As well as being a well-known musician, Tinchy is also a successful businessman running fashion, entertainment and technology companies. When not in London, he lives in Macau.



### Rushanara Ali

Rushanara Ali is currently the Labour MP for Bethnal Green and Bow. She grew up in her constituency attending Mulberry school and Tower Hamlets College. Rushanara served as Shadow Minister for Education and Young People, and between October 2010 and October 2013, as Shadow Minister for International Development. From November 2014 until the 2015 General Election, Rushanara served as a member of the Treasury Select Committee.

**"I am very pleased to offer my congratulations to Tower Hamlets College's Alumni Association. The college has played a big role in helping many people, like myself, to achieve their ambitions. It is right that we, as alumni, continue to support the college in preparing the next generation for success.**

**You can continue to make a contribution to ensuring the college's continued success by sharing your stories of success. The success of former students like us are powerful endorsements as to why the college remains an important fabric of our borough for young people and adults looking to achieve a positive future".**

Rushanara Ali



## KEEP IN TOUCH

If you would like to keep in touch and update us on any new adventures you've undertaken, whether it be a new job or course you're studying, we'd love to hear from you.

You can email Dan Rathod - Alumni Coordinator at [dan.rathod@tower.ac.uk](mailto:dan.rathod@tower.ac.uk)

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