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HOLLYWOOD glamour met Hackney youth when Oscar-winning actor Kevin Spacey presented an award to film-makers.

Young people from the Fairbridge Centre, E8, were joined by stars and politicians at the Fairbridge Film and Animation Awards, which were held at BFI IMAX cinema, SE1.

Fairbridge is a charity that works with 13 to 25-year-olds, helping them to develop the self-confidence and skills to change their lives.

Four young people from Hackney – Craig, Terri, Solman and Ade – worked with a group from Kennington to beat other teams throughout the UK to win a place at the awards. Their film *Market Forces* – following young London entrepreneurs as they set up their own business.

Spacey, who starred in *American Beauty* and *The Usual Suspects*, said: "It's been a fantastic and eye-opening evening. It's clear Fairbridge plants those first seeds a young person needs to find their own self-esteem.

"We have seen on the big screen tonight what young people can achieve when Fairbridge gives them the

right opportunities and support."

The film was produced and made on a budget of £300. The group then sold the winning result on a stall at Elephant & Castle Market, SE1. Fairbridge in London worked in partnership with the Young Film Academy to produce the film.

Hollywood meets Hackney

The young film-makers at work on their winning project



Actor Kevin Spacey

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