



Royal Docks Intern Rahim out training in Japan.
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ATLANTIC PACIFIC

LIFEBOATS WHERE THERE ARE NONE

“There is nothing more empowering for a young person than teaching them how to save their own or someone else’s life. These skills offer a purpose and an opportunity for a young person to see how they can play an active part in their community – by helping others.”

Kate Sedwell
Co-Founder and COO

In early 2022 we awarded £1,124,561 through the Additional Restrictions Grant: Large Grant Scheme to nine organisations to help support a broad range of projects and activities centred around the eight pillars of our Towards a Better Newham Covid-19 Recovery Strategy. The grants provided them with both capital and revenue funding for initiatives to help boost local economic activity. Atlantic Pacific International Rescue was awarded £187,578 to help support a broad range of activities.

About Atlantic Pacific International Rescue

Atlantic Pacific International Rescue (AP) is a UK registered charity based in the Royal Docks with a simple vision: to combat global drowning.

It exists to tackle this crisis and eliminate death by drowning by providing lifeboats and trained crew to areas of need. From their new training centre in Newham AP is focussed on getting local people trained in casualty care, search and rescue boat skills and psychological first aid to help in this global crisis.

Project summary

The funding received from the Large Grants Scheme is supporting the construction of a new lifesaving training centre called AP@RD (Atlantic Pacific at Royal Docks). Offering these practical and physically challenging skills will enhance any person’s life, including their confidence and communication skills.

The centre’s programmes will also link its students with employment opportunities in the search and rescue and emergency sectors. If you would like to come and visit AP the centre is now open and based at 1008 Dockside Road, Newham, E16 2QT. Please email in advance.

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Progress so far

Whilst AP have been waiting for the training centre to be completed, they have been sending their team out into the community to raise awareness of the project.

Over the last few months they have engaged with 240 primary school children across four Newham schools about sea safety and ocean pollution. They have also delivered a daylong careers course at Plashet School to 120 students.

In summer 2022 two Royal Docks interns went to the annual summer school in Wales where they achieved their casualty care qualification and search and rescue beginner certificate. Rahim (pictured above), AP Royal Docks Intern, also got a chance to visit Japan and train local people in search and rescue skills.

The interns have also undertaken the Casualty Care course at the Royal Docks; this is a first aid course which meets the Health & Safety Executive’s first aid at work requirements, with additional elements that are important for those working in medium to high-risk environments. For more information [click here](#).



AP summer camp programme with London Design & Engineering UTC Students.

Plans for the future

AP will continue to work with Newham schools and youth organisations to empower young people with lifesaving skills. AP hosted their first ‘Introduction to Emergency Medicine’ course with 16-18 year olds from St Bonaventure’s School last October and has more spaces available this May for those that want to get into a Medical Career – for more information [click here](#).

National and international visitors to the Royal Docks will be invited to participate in search and rescue courses, which follow the International Maritime Rescue Federation Basic Manual.