



■ FUNMI Abari (far right) is pictured with runners up Asher Mckenzie, 15, (second right), from John Loughborough School, and Yasmin Hassan (left), 14, from Highgate Wood School, with deputy Haringey mayor Councillor Dilek Dogus

Funmi speaks out for top prize!

FUNMI Abari, 15, from Hornsey School for Girls, Inderwick Road, Crouch End, took top honours in the Haringey final of a public speaking challenge dubbed the world's biggest.

She won an iPod and a chance to go through to the July grand

final of Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge!

After the event she said: "I'm unbelievably excited. I've done this for all the young black women out there."

Ten borough schools took part with the strongest from each in

the final where they spoke on a range of issues.

Councillor Dogus said: "I found the event truly inspirational and it gave me hope to see the young people being so passionate and diplomatic about such controversial issues."