

Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership Volunteering Programmes – 2009-10



Time Commitment Low / half-day

Time Commitment Medium / One/two days

Time Commitment High / Long-term

Project	Description	Team Event?	Age of Children	Training required	Time Commitment
PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES (5-11 years old)					
Lunchtime Primary Partner Schemes	<p>Primary Number, Reading, Language, Chess and Sports Partners.</p> <p>Primary partners are people from the world of work who give up their time to help a young person improve their basic skills. Volunteers visit a school for half an hour one lunchtime a week.</p>	NO	5-11 years old	YES Approximately 1 ½ hours	A half an hour session plus travelling time one lunchtime a week
SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES (11-18 years old)					
Business Mentoring	The Business Mentoring scheme aims to equip pupils with a better understanding of career opportunities, develop their employability skills and widening their view of the opportunities available to them. A business person meets with a small group of pupils in Years 10-13 (aged 14-18), usually in pairs, at least once a month.	NO	14-18 years old	YES Approximately 2 Hours	1-2 hours per month
Getting Ahead	GETTING AHEAD is a programme of employability skills based conferences for young people in Tower Hamlets secondary schools. The conference is divided into various workshops which introduce various employability skills - first impressions, employer expectations, team work, problem solving, applying for a job, interview skills, and so on. There are usually around 70 students, 13 to 15 years old, divided into teams of 7 to 8. Each team has an adult volunteer. Their role is to guide, support and motivate their team as they work through the sessions.	<p>Ideal for an individual volunteer as a one off activity</p> <p>Can also be a team building activity for 4-10 people</p>	14-16 years old	NO However, a full briefing is given on the morning of each event	1 or 2 days
Head to Head	Head to Head is a practice interview programme for pupils in secondary school or college that are about to go on work experience, apply for jobs or gain access to higher education. Volunteers are asked for a half or full day commitment to conduct individual mock interviews with a number of secondary school pupils, giving each pupil constructive feedback after the interview.	<p>Ideal for an individual volunteer as a one off activity</p> <p>Can also be a team building activity for 4-12 people</p>	14-17 years old	NO However, a full briefing is given on the morning/ afternoon of each event	½ or 1 day

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Diplomas	<p>Diplomas are the new national qualification for 14-19 year olds and have been developed with the help of over 5,000 employees. Practical work related learning is at the heart of the diploma and employers can get involved in a number of ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give talks and lectures in school or at your place at work to enrich the curriculum with real business materials • Offer sector specific work experience placements to students and work shadowing placements to teachers • Set business problems for students to solve in their projects • Help shape the syllabus and attend planning meetings once or twice a year • Help to arrange industry insight visits to your building 	Varies	14-19 years old	Guidance from teachers and EBP on how to interact with students	Approximately four half days a year
Language Liaison	The Secondary Language Liaison scheme aims to help pupils develop their spoken French/Spanish by expanding their vocabulary and confidence and understand the relevance of speaking modern foreign languages in the workplace. Two business colleagues meet with a small group of pupils in Years 10-11 (aged 14-16) studying French/Spanish GCSE for an hour once a fortnight over an academic year.	NO	14-16 years old	YES	2 hours every fortnight
Lunchtime Secondary Partner Schemes	<p>Secondary Number, Reading, Computer, Chess and Science Partners.</p> <p>Secondary partners are people from the world of work who give up their time to help a young person improve their basic skills. Volunteers visit a school for half an hour one lunchtime a week.</p>	NO	11-13 years old	YES Approximately 1 ½ hours	A half an hour session plus travelling time one lunchtime a week
Work Experience	Work experience offers pupils of today the opportunity to prepare for the challenges of tomorrow by becoming familiar with the skills and attitudes needed by modern business. It enables young people at school or college to spend short periods of time, usually 2 weeks, in a workplace gaining first hand experience of the world of work.	NO	14-18 years old	NO	2 week placement at your workplace
SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT					
Partners in Leadership	The Partners In Leadership project, run in partnership with Business in the Community, provides Headteachers with access to an experienced business person to provide them with advice and business support. Business volunteers are recruited and matched with Headteachers who have expressed an interest in the programme.	NO	Working with Headteacher	NO	1-2 hours per month

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT – CONTINUED...

School Governors	The increased autonomy of Schools and their Governing Bodies means that business skills are a valued commodity amongst Governors. In partnership with the Local Education Authority, we are seeking business people to become Governors of Tower Hamlets Primary, Secondary and Special Needs schools.	NO	Working with Headteacher	YES	2-4 hours per month
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