



# The Brokerage Citylink Newsletter

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## Welcome...

... to the second edition of the Brokerage Citylink's bi-monthly e-newsletter, bringing you news and updates on our programmes and opportunities as we go into the New Year.

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### The Best Websites in Life are Free



**thebrokerage.org.uk is relaunched**

As reported in the last issue the Brokerage has been the beneficiary of a flashy new website as part of the fantastic 'Work with us' scheme run by Islington based design agency Base Creative. It's now up and running and the Brokerage would like to thank the team at Base Creative, and in particular Anna Appenzeller who managed the project, for their hard work; particularly as they worked on a pro-bono basis. The new site makes it easy for everybody to find the information they need and also much more useful for us thanks to new features such as the new CBT registration form.

To learn more about Base Creative and their work please go to [www.basecreative.eu](http://www.basecreative.eu).

If you haven't already seen the Brokerage website go to [www.thebrokerage.org.uk](http://www.thebrokerage.org.uk). Any comments or thoughts you might have would be gratefully received.

### Exciting New Opportunity for Working in the City Schools

### Brokerage Alumni Become Livery Company Members



**Five Brokerage Alumni are welcomed into the Worshipful Company of International Bankers**

The Worshipful Company of International Bankers awarded five successful Brokerage alumni associate membership during an evening at Goldman Sachs in December. The event was held to acknowledge the working partnership between the WCIB and the Brokerage and all of the good work achieved through this partnership. The five new members have all gone on to roles within the City. The WCIB also announced the winners of their schools essay competition designed to help young people in the inner London better understand the role of Banks within the City and the world. The five new members are:

- Aleksandra Laska - Goldman Sachs
- Dhilian Patel - BNP Paribas
- Li Yan - Merrill Lynch
- Pinar Parlor - Royal Bank of Canada (pictured above with Roger Gifford, WCIB Middle Warden, Alderman and Sheriff)
- Sharmeen Rahman - HBOS Treasury Services



**A new, optional third workshop for those taking part in our schools programme**

This year sees the introduction of the 'Working in the City Plus' option to our flagship schools programme. This additional workshop opportunity is delivered in school and will focus on recruitment in the City and show students how they can market themselves to City employers.

Programme Manager, Terry Boyce, is currently taking bookings for the spring and summer school terms so please [get in touch with him](#) as soon as possible if you are interested.

There is a small cost attached to these workshops due to funding constraints, but the workshop itself can be attended by more students than the two free workshops held in the City. For more information go to our new website: [www.thebrokerage.org.uk/working-in-the-city-plus](http://www.thebrokerage.org.uk/working-in-the-city-plus)

**Bright Students Start Training for a Bright Future**



**City Business Traineeship Programme 2009**

The City Business Traineeship Programme has started receiving applications for 2009 from some of inner-London's brightest and most promising students. Funded by the City of London Corporation and run by the Brokerage, the programme places the students in internships with City employers during the summer before they start university. The benefits to the students can clearly be seen from the above story regarding the WCIB with many going on to strong City careers. The feedback from companies is also extremely positive particularly with regard to helping promote diversity within the City workforce.

**If you would like to work with one or some of these students please contact Kathy Smart [through our website](#) or at [kathy@thebrokerage.org.uk](mailto:kathy@thebrokerage.org.uk)**

Thanks for reading this issue of our newsletter, we hope you've found it useful, and thanks again for your continued support.

We would be happy to discuss any of the items in this newsletter with you further, or anything else regarding the work we do, so please get in touch.

Best Wishes,

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