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Welcome...

...to the latest issue of the Brokerage Citylink newsletter. With the start of the new financial year, we have seen the start of several new partnerships. We have enjoyed running schools workshops and organising internships with several new companies, including BDO Stoy Hayward, BNP Paribas and SineQN.

We are looking forward to working with our existing contacts and forging new partnerships to bring further opportunities to young people in London over this summer and beyond. To learn more about ways that you and your organisation can be involved, please get in touch with us through our website or using the details at the bottom of this newsletter.

The Brokerage Partners Allen & Overy LLP to Start Something Smart

London students to benefit from brainchild of
prestigious law firm

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Are your
students ready
to make a
splash?



Allen & Overy Smart Start Experience

In June The Brokerage helped Allen & Overy LLP get their new summer programme, 'The Smart Start Experience', off the ground. The programme ran during from 29th June until 3rd July and gave inner London based Year 12 students the chance to gain first-hand knowledge of how the world of business works, improving their key skills through workshops and activities. Over 100 students from 26 schools across London took part at A&O's City offices. Participants were split in to teams and spent three days at the law firm undertaking

City Challenge - Are You Brave Enough?

A chance to compete against London's best and
brightest undergraduates



The Brokerage is hosting a City quiz night at the Bank of England for students on the City Careers Programme on the evening of 20th August. The high-achieving students will be competing against teams from City companies to prove that they are capable of taking on the current City hot-shots... and beating them! If you would like to accept their challenge and put together a team of 4-5 people from your company please contact [Surma Waheed](#). There is no entry fee but please be quick, as places are limited.

The City Careers Programme is our new initiative for talented London undergraduates, forging closer links between the Square Mile and the high-flyers of the future. For more information please visit the CCP website at

various business challenges, culminating in a "Grand Final" where winning teams from throughout the week competed to win tickets to the premiere of the new Harry Potter film.

The Brokerage was able to use its network of school contacts and experience of dealing with schools, to advise A&O on the programme and recruit the students on their behalf.

The Brokerage has now established a number of partnerships with well known City firms to help them with their own CSR programmes, bringing a positive feel to the City despite the recent downturn. We would be happy to talk with other companies regarding how we can use our knowledge of working with inner-London schools to help them develop or improve their CSR initiatives. If you would like to discuss working in partnership with the Brokerage Citylink please contact [Frank Funnell](#).

New Workshops for New Deal EC1 residents continue to benefit from Brokerage workshops



The Brokerage is continuing to provide employment skills training for residents of the EC1 area as part of the EC1 New Deal scheme. Clare Atkinson has been putting together an interesting collection of workshops, some of which are a little different to usual. Workshops such as 'Finding Your Voice' and 'The Colours Consultancy' aim to boost candidates' confidence as well as provide them with practical employability skills. So far feedback has been extremely positive.

If you would like to volunteer to help an EC1 resident or are a resident that would like to take part, please contact [Clare Atkinson](#) for details.

www.citycareersprogramme.org.uk.

Working in the City Review The Schools team look ahead to next year's programme

Our flagship schools programme 'Working in the City' has finished for another year and the schools team has now had a chance to sit down and count up the figures.



Programme Manager Terry Boyce is pleased with the statistics and positive about the future: "This years figures have thrown up some interesting trends showing WitC continues to be successful. I hope following further evaluation we will be able to use these to refine the programme further for October, making sure that both teachers' and students' needs continue to be met."

This year 1604 pupils from 69 schools across 12 inner city boroughs attended 96 workshops . For a more in-depth look at the 08/09 WitC programme please watch out for our Annual Report which will be available on our website later this summer.

Lost and Found One in and one out for the Brokerage staff team

We are pleased to say that we have taken on a part time volunteer Alicia Leon-Ramilo to help with the day-to-day running of the office, as part of her continued employability training with EC1 New Deal. We hope Alicia will enjoy working with us over the coming months.

And, unfortunately (for us), we have to lose our trainee Trevor Doomahbey. Trevor has been with us since April 2008 and has impressed us all with his hard work and enthusiasm. His time with us seems to have paid off as he has now been snapped up by the City of London Corporation where we know he will do very well. We wish Trevor all the best for the future.

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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