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Friday 24
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LONDON'S ORIGINAL
EDUCATION BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP



THE SPARK! PARTNERSHIP AWARDS 2014

The 28th annual awards to recognise and reward active collaboration
between education and the local business community

Keynote speaker at awards:
Mark Davis, UK Recruitment Manager, EMC and
Mr Pattar, Headteacher of The Heathland School

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Introduction



Spark! gives young people at school the opportunity to spend time with employers and discover the needs and challenges of the workplace. Our ambition is to inspire young people, to show what they can achieve, enhance their employability and to prepare them for the workplace.

The 28th Spark! Partnership Awards is organised by our staff team with the support of sponsors and judging panel.

Spark! delivers a range of services to schools in West London:

- Consultancy services for schools and businesses
- KICKSTART, our KS4 Employability Skills and Enterprise programme
- A range of additional work related learning opportunities from The Eton Summer School to The Kempton Park Maths Day from KS1 to KS5
- Work Experience and Internship brokerage services

We are delighted this year to welcome Mark Davis of EMC and Mr Pattar of The Heathland School to talk about their experiences of work between schools and businesses.

To find out more about the diverse range of Spark! Partners supporting our programmes visit www.sparklondon.org/partners

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Will Tyler
Chairman

Award Categories

The annual Spark! Partnership Awards, reward and support activities between educational organisations and the local business community. This year we are making eight awards in three categories, recognising the full breadth of our work.

Partnership Projects

Primary School Cup (Malcolm Gibbins Cup) Recognising primary schools' and community partners' excellence in work related learning projects, sponsored by Thames Water and Hounslow Chamber of Commerce.

Secondary School Cup (Jubilee Cup) – Recognising secondary schools' and community partners' excellence in work-related learning projects, sponsored by GSK and Hounslow Chamber of Commerce.

Business Leadership

Work experience/Internship company of the year Recognising the employer that has excelled in their support of high quality and fair work experience or internship opportunities, sponsored by Holiday Inn.

Apprenticeship company of the year Recognising the employer that has excelled in their support for developing high quality Apprenticeships, sponsored by Octink.

Individual Awards

Industry volunteer of the year – Recognising the industry volunteer (or team) that has “gone the extra mile” in supporting education-business partnership over the past year sponsored by NatWest.

Teacher of the year – Recognising the teacher (or school team) that that has “gone the extra mile” in supporting education-business partnership over the past year, sponsored by Sky.

Work experience student/Intern of the year – Recognising the young person that has excelled in grasping the opportunity that their work placement or Internship offered, sponsored by Penna.

Apprentice of the year – Recognising the young person that has excelled in grasping the opportunity that an Apprenticeship has offered sponsored by Heathrow.

Highly commended certificates are awarded by the judging panel for projects that are of an exceptional standard, but do not quite achieve one of the top awards.

Certificates in recognition of achievement and progress by education establishments and companies during 2014 are awarded to all entries that meet the competition entry criteria. In celebration of all partnership activities, assessment for the certificates is not competitive, but by reference only to the eligibility criteria set out below. It is the intention to encourage as many entries as possible and to keep the administration simple.

Judging panel

Assessment of entries will be carried out by local representatives from education and industry that sit on Spark's Advisory Group, as well as a representative of Hounslow Chamber.

The Advisory Group is made up of:

Stuart Alexander
St Marks RC School

Victoria Eadie
Education Improvement Partnership (EIP) representative and
Head of Feltham Community School

Hanif Khan
Video Shoot Productions

Gemma McNeilis
Communications & CSR Manager,
Chiswick Park Enjoy-Work

Nick Mobley
London School of Diving

Tony Ryan
Head of Chiswick School

Sundeep Sangha
Economic Development Manager,
Heathrow Airport Limited

Vinay Tanna
Garner Hancock LLP



To read about past winners of the Partnership Awards visit
www.sparklondon.org/pastwinners/

Spark! Partnership Awards 2013 - the results...

The awards were presented on Thursday 21 November 2013 at Holiday Inn, Brentford. The keynote speaker was Will Butler-Adams of Brompton Bicycles.

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Malcolm Gibbins Cup (Primary)

Beavers Primary School and the B.B.C. project - Biking Society/Groundwork/Cranford Community College/Berkeley Primary/BA Mentoring/ASDAN/LB Hounslow Innovation Fund/Police Community Support Team – Through this successful and on-going multi agency and interschool partnership, many focus pupils from the nurture groups involved have been successfully reintegrated into mainstream classes.

Jubilee Cup (Secondary)

Bloodhound SSC and Heathland School – The school secured a Guinness World Record for their model car in this competition supported by partner companies including Rolls Royce, Serco and Cisco. The project inspired many students to value the importance of STEM subjects.

Highly commended

- BT Mentoring nominated by Heston Community School
- Eton Summer School nominated by St Marks RC School

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

Work placement Company of the year

Winner: Orange Tree Theatre
Highly commended: British Airways
Both of these organisations have gone further than any others in supporting the development of work based learning through Industry Insight Days for KS4 students from local schools over the past year.

Apprentice Company of the Year

Brompton Bicycles – Brompton has been running a modern Apprenticeship programme since 2011 – this year they celebrate the company's 25th anniversary. With 8 apprentices currently on their programme, pathways range from brazing frame parts (a highly-specialised activity that can take two years to master) through to business administration and customer service. Look closely at a Brompton frame and you will see the individual mark of its brazier.

Highly commended

- Cultivate London and Willmott Dixon

INDIVIDUAL / TEAM AWARDS OF THE YEAR

Volunteer(s) of the year

Presented to Sunny Gata-Aura, Bempah Osei and Charlotte Woods of Sky. This team has demonstrated great commitment to supporting Spark! and the young people of Hounslow by volunteering at four Spark! school events over the past year. They have gone above and beyond the 16 hours volunteer time allocated for Sky staff by volunteering on their holiday time to represent Sky, visiting schools to inspire students and help them build life skills.

Teacher(s) of the year

The first year for this category, we could not choose only one teacher, and the following shared the honour: Gemma Adams of St Mark's Catholic School, Jason Hermon of Lampton School and Jane Buck of Green Dragon Primary School.

Apprentice of the year

• Raphael Duncan (Apprentice at Cranford Community School) – "Learner that came onto the programme with the most challenges to overcome. He made the most progress and secured his Apprenticeship."

Highly commended

• Lizzie Franklyn (Apprentice at Hounslow Homes) and Rebecca Consiglio (Apprentice at Quilliam Property Services) – both set themselves ambitious targets and achieved them.

Work experience student/ Intern of the year

• Melina Namdar, nominated by Brentford School for Girls (for work experience at TeaPigs) – "Melina was absolutely brilliant whilst she was with us; our only problem was that we were unable to keep up with how quickly she completed each of the tasks sent to her. She quickly gained a friendly Teapigs manner to speak on the phone and was un-phased by calling up customers to collect outstanding payments! She was helpful, friendly and showed a genuine interest in Teapigs both as a product and as a small, fast paced company. She will be a great asset to any company looking to employ her."

Highly commended

- Ryan Ward, nominated by Sky
- Conor Subasi, Chiswick School, nominated by Chiswick Moran Hotel

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How to apply

Submissions must be entered on the official application forms. All sections of the appropriate form must be completed. Entries can be submitted at any time prior to the closing date.

Partnership Project and Business Leadership Awards – Entry Criteria

Jubilee Cup, Malcolm Gibbins Cup, Work Experience/Internship company of the year and Apprenticeship company of the year

Entry submissions must be entered on the application form which can be downloaded from: www.sparklondon.org/partnershipawards2014

Entries will typically, but not always, be made jointly by the educational establishment and community partner involved in collaborative projects.

If different departments in a school are working with a community partner, please submit all curriculum areas in one application. If a community partner is working with several schools on a joint project, please submit this as one entry only, naming all the schools involved.

Submissions should reference evidence that the activity:

1. Is a newly initiated activity or a clear development of an existing programme.
2. Reflects a firm, practical, substantial and continuing commitment by the collaborating organisation(s) to the joint work and there are clearly expressed activities to sustain the initiative in the future.
3. Benefits young people in terms of securing opportunities for learning and achievement related to a better understanding of the role of industry and its service to the community.
4. Demonstrates clear integration with appropriate parts of the national curriculum.
5. Is part of a programme of activities involving active collaboration between students and the local business community, rather than a “one off” intervention.
6. Took place in London Borough of Hounslow, or another London Borough in which a Spark! Partner operates.

Individual Awards - Entry Criteria

Industry volunteer of the year, Teacher of the year, Work experience student/Intern of the year and Apprentice of the year

The criteria for a school or business nominating an individual (or team) is that they:

1. Excelled in grasping the opportunity that their work placement, Internship or Apprenticeship offered; or
2. In the case of ‘Industry volunteer of the year’ and ‘Teacher of the year’ nominations, clearly demonstrated an understanding of the needs of students through work-related and/or work-based learning activities and “gone the extra mile”; and
3. Live or work in London Borough of Hounslow, or another London Borough in which the Spark! Partner operates.

Nominations for ‘Industry volunteer of the year’ must come from a school, and can be for an individual or team in a community partner. Nominations for ‘Teacher of the year’, must come from a business, and can be for an individual or team.

Enter your nomination on the application form which can be downloaded from: www.sparklondon.org/partnershipawards2014

**Entries can be submitted at any time.
The closing date for submissions is Friday
24 October 2014. Please send submissions to:**

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The awards event

The winners will be announced and celebrated at the Partnership Awards 2014, to be held at the Holiday Inn, Brentford on Thursday 20 November 2014 from 4.30 to 6.30pm.

Keynote speakers

Mark Davis, UK Recruitment Director and Diversity Champion
H.S. Pattar, Headmaster of The Heathland School

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