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Friday 25
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LONDON'S ORIGINAL
EDUCATION BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP



THE SPARK! PARTNERSHIP AWARDS 2013

The 27th annual awards to recognise and reward active collaboration
between education and the local business community

Keynote speaker at awards:
Will Butler-Adams, Managing Director, Brompton Bicycles

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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 27th 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 and master classes for schools and businesses
- KICKSTART, our new 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 that Will Butler-Adams, Managing Director of Brompton Bicycle is our keynote speaker. The iconic Brompton folding bike is designed and built in their Brentford factory, and is sold in 42 export markets. Spark! works closely with Brompton, and they are a key part of the team developing our new KICKSTART employability skills and enterprise programme.

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

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 Octink.

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

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 The Big Yellow Self Storage Company.

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 2013 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 Board, as well as representatives of award sponsors, including Hounslow Chamber. The Advisory Board 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/

Winners of the Spark! Partnership Awards 2012



The 2012 awards event, held at the Sheraton Skyline Hotel, was attended by 200 people, including pupils, parents, teachers, Councillors, MPs and members of the local business community. The keynote speaker was Lord Knight of Weymouth.

PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

The Jubilee Cup (Secondary)

Thames Water, nominated by Rivers Academy, secured the award in recognition of 'The Network Challenge', a long standing inter-school challenge. The project challenges students to engineer a town's water supply on a table top; it gives them a taste of the water industry and enhances their team-working and problem solving skills.

The Malcolm Gibbins Cup (Primary)

Sky secured the award in recognition of the Sky Skills Studios' excellence in providing an innovative and inspiring learning environment for soft skills on campus at their West London HQ.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Work Experience Company of the Year

Awarded to Sukhjit Sekhon of The Skylark Hotel, Hounslow, which provided an amazing 35 placements during the 2011/12 academic year.

Apprenticeship Company of the Year

Awarded to London Borough of Hounslow's Shared Finance Department a long standing champion of Apprenticeships within the local authority.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

The Angela Innes Trophy

Gemma McNeilis, Chiswick Park Enjoy-Work
As Communications & CSR Manager at Chiswick Park Enjoy-Work, Gemma has given sustained support to Spark's WEX Factor programme at Chiswick School, in addition to her support for social enterprise Docking Station and other local projects. Gemma truly went "above and beyond" in her education-business partnership work throughout 2012.

Lifetime Service Award

A one-off award for 2012, this was presented to Jim Richardson of Richardson's Hardware Store, Feltham. Jim has been ever-present in the provision of work experience placements through Spark! and still has a member of full-time staff, 14 years after their original placement, employed today.

Work Experience student / Intern of the year

Awards for the first time, this went to a group, rather than an individual. George, Nick, Alice and Steph, Interns at GSK through Project SEARCH, had grasped their placements with vitality and dedication beyond expectations. Tackling barriers to employment to build their confidence – all four are able to travel independently to work and continually demonstrated an exceptional contribution in their duties.

Apprentice of the Year

Chantell Krishna
Awarded to Chantell Krishna who, by virtue of her dedication and diligence to her work, secured a full-time role in the London Borough of Hounslow Environment department.

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

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/partnershipawards2013

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/partnershipawards2013

Entries can be submitted at any time. The closing date for submissions is Friday 25 October 2013. Please send submissions to:

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980 Great West Road,
Brentford,
Middlesex TW8 9GS.**



The awards event

The winners will be announced and celebrated at the Partnership Awards 2013, to be held at the Holiday Inn, Brentford on Thursday 21 November 2012 from 4.30 to 6.30pm.



Keynote speaker

Will is passionate about all things Engineering, has worked for Nissan, ICI, DuPont and Brompton; involved in product development, R&D, project management and manufacturing excellence. He studied Mechanical Engineering at Newcastle University and is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer. He joined Brompton in 2002, became a director in 2006 and took over as the Managing Director in 2008

Enquiries

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