

Leader of Tomorrow (LOT) Progress Report

Our efforts to raise Black achievement has had another successful year through our flagship Leaders of Tomorrow programme (LOT) where by some of our students have achieved at the highest level. Successes included: sponsorship from British Airways for some of our young leaders to attend last year's annual Business Education Conference in Los Angeles, California, community partnership Art and Design Exhibition with Peckham Space, LOT students being awarded a small grant through the Youth Opportunity Fund and the annual Presentation and Celebration of Achievements. We have also increased our in-school support among vulnerable children and young people.

Young Leaders' Achievements

- We were able to encourage and support one of our student to apply to Westminster Independent School. She beat stiff competition to win one of two national scholarships (worth £42000-00 over two years) to study A' Levels (September 2011)
- We have gone one better whereby a 12 year old boy who has been recently excluded from school has been offered a full boarding scholarship at Winchester Independent school
- Another young leader once dubbed 'Mr. Average' was accepted by Bentley car company to pursue a 3 year apprenticeship engineering course
- We worked with Peckham Space to produce 'Futurama' exhibition showing Peckham as a good place to live and work. Over 2500 local residents view LOT students' design of user friendly park benches, improve signage and light boxes designed to make certain areas safer
- For the 5th consecutive year, the young people have applied for and received a small grant from the Youth Opportunity Fund to further develop their leadership skills and also provide mentoring and coaching sessions for over 1000 young people in Southwark's supplementary and secondary schools
- For the 3rd consecutive year, LOT is grateful to British Airways has provided 8 complimentary tickets for the leaders to attend the annual Business Education conference in Atlanta Georgia. (October 2011) The increase in confidence and the opportunities given to our young leaders from very modest background can be attributed to BA's continued support for those participating in the life changing business education conferences in New Orleans, Los Angeles and now Atlanta.
- Outstanding individual successes over the last 3 years included the following:
- Michael Williams- Internship at the Royal Bank of Canada (09-10) and currently in the second year at Surrey University reading politics and economics
- Opeyemi Sofekun- Internship at Deutsche Bank (09) and has just completed the second year at Gilford University
- Monsuru Alasi- Beat a field of 400 UK applicants to win one of 30 places on the Prime Minister Global Fellowship programme to look at globalization and

its impact on world economies (Brazil 2009) He is currently reading politics and economics at Warwick University

- Idris Alasi has just been accepted to study computer design at Hull university
- Mayowa Sofekun- won one of two national full scholarship to study A' Levels at Westminster Independent school (September 11)
- Kyrran Cunningham- Achieved against all the odds to secure one of 5 paid apprenticeships at the prestigious Bentley car company (Sept 2010-refer to his report)
- LOT alumni have fundraised and sponsored two learners Durban, SA to visit the UK and also accompanied the 2007 young delegates to the Orlando Business conference
- Last year, the Mayor of London recognised LOT as one of the beacon community project that has been raising Black aspirations since 2002.
- We had one of our most successful Presentation events last November to celebrate their achievements. Our young leaders helped to plan and deliver on the theme; **Blink: the speed of change** to fellow leaders, parents and other community members

Mentoring and In-school Support

BMIP has been targeting vulnerable children and young people and we now have regular mentoring and in-school support at Summerhouse, Walworth Academy. New sessions will be starting as well at SILS3 after Easter. Through FIXUP Seminars, we have also delivered 10 mentoring and life coaching sessions to over 300 children and young people in after school play centres, supplementary and secondary schools. Another 20 are planned over the next two terms.

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