

RESOUNDING SUCCESS FOR SECOND SHOWCASE EVENT



Over 300 students from schools across London attended the second Livery Schools Link Showcase Event on 18 March 2014. 26 livery companies set up stalls to demonstrate the skills, trades and professions and to encourage young people to consider a broad range of career possibilities. Teachers have called for the event to be annual and students described their experience as “interesting, creative, fun and cool” Companies who took part were the Air Pilots, Bakers, Barbers, Basketmakers, Blacksmiths, Chartered Architects, Chartered Surveyors, Coachmakers, Educators, Glovers, Goldsmiths, Information Technologists, Joiners and Ceilers, Masons, Master Mariners, Merchant Taylors supporting the Food Journey, Painter Stainers, Pattenmakers, Saddlers, Salters, Scientific Instrument Makers, Scriveners, Spectacle Makers, Upholders, Woolmen and World Traders for the Financial Services Group. The most popular stalls were those where students could try their hand at something.

LSL is most grateful to all the staff at Apothecaries’ Hall who worked tirelessly to make the day such a success and make everyone feel so welcome. Our thanks go too to all the companies who participated in the event for their hard work, enthusiasm and patience. Plans are already underway for next year!



Students enjoyed making fish from willow with the Basketmakers

EDUCATION CONFERENCE FOR HEAD TEACHERS

LSL is organising a landmark event for the livery in conjunction with the Worshipful Company of Educators and the Master Actuary.

The education conference for head teachers will be opened by the Right Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Fiona Woolf at Staple Inn on Thursday 26 June at 2 pm.

Initial presentations by livery companies and LSL will be followed by a case study presentation by Professor Matthew Inglis of Nottingham University about the importance of maths for the education of all.

There will then be a panel discussion of head teachers to give members of the livery a chance to hear what further support, not necessarily financial, schools would like from livery companies.

Break out discussion groups will provide an opportunity for small groups of delegates to come up with some firm proposals and ideas. These will conclude with a feedback session and an informal reception will round off the afternoon, finishing at 6pm.

All livery companies are warmly invited although places are limited to one per company to a maximum of 60 in total. They will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Initial invitations from the Sheriffs and requests for entries for the booklet which will be produced for the event, went out on 14 March. For more information, please contact Alison Truphet alisontruphetlsl@gmail.com

AGM and Open Meeting 19 May

CITY MARKETING SUITE,
BASINGHALL STREET EC2P 2EJ

The AGM is for representatives of all member companies and will take place from 3 - 3.45. The Open Meeting will start at 4.15 (coffee and tea available from 3.45). Deputy Catherine McGuinness and Ade Adetosoye will address the meeting and in addition to hearing about recent developments and future plans for LSL, there will be an informal drinks reception from 5.15 to 6pm. Please let Alison Truphet know if you would like to attend.



A student tries his hand at stone carving with the Masons

LONG AWAITED NEW DATABASE

We are now in the final stages of developing a new interactive database which will enable LSL to play a much more pivotal role in the engagement of livery companies in education across the Greater London area. It will be a user friendly database accessible by membership password providing information about the volunteering opportunities for liverymen in a range of capacities in a variety of schools. It will also enable livery companies to report on their education activities thereby encouraging a dialogue between companies and an information base for those seeking to become more involved.



Students build their dream room at the Architects' stand

VOLUNTEERING

For those who want to become involved there are many ways to volunteer in the London area. The School Governors One Stop Shop (SGOSS) welcome enquiries from liverymen who wish to become school governors. School governance is an excellent way to offer support to schools by giving a few hours a month as a school governor. Tower Hamlets and Newham Education Business Partnerships and Hackney Inspire have extensive programmes for schools for which volunteers are always sought. Sessions are always led by staff either from the school or the EBP and volunteers receive the necessary training. A few hours offered in the year will make a significant difference to the impact a programme can have on students. The contribution made by liverymen with extensive experience and expertise is highly valued. Regular bulletins are issued by email but please contact Alison Truphet for more information.



THE FOOD JOURNEY

The success of last year's project ensured its continuation at Old Palace Primary School in Bow. Generously supported by the Haberdashers in 2013, the Merchant Taylors are financing the project this year which will enable 60 pupils aged 6 to visit a working dairy farm and market garden in Kent. Other events along the journey include a visit to Billingsgate Market where the pupils have a demonstration about fish and a fish cookery session. The Billingsgate Seafood Training School was set up by Fishmonger Liveryman C J Jackson and offers free sessions to London schools which are tremendously popular and help to educate children about fish, both where different fish can be found and also how to prepare and cook it.



The Food Journey also takes in bread making and this year the Bakers Company representative Sara Autton will be leading a bread making session for pupils in year 6. A visit to a local food co-op will help children understand the market for locally produced seasonal food and to encourage them to learn about recipes using these ingredients. Healthy Eating sessions and classroom cookery lessons will help the children compile their Food Journey book of recipes.

We are currently looking for a livery company to support the production of the Food Journey booklet. Please contact Alison Truphet if your company would like to support the project in this modest way.

Pupils from Old Palace School at Bore Place (left) and the Seafood Training Centre (above)

SCIENCE OPENS DOORS

Science Opens Doors is a programme for parents and children at primary schools to enjoy science sessions together, to encourage children to be passionate about science and consider careers in science in its broadest sense. It is unique in bringing together junior school children, their parents and teachers with a science agenda and linking it to careers from science.

In 2011, a Science Council report found that approximately 6 million jobs in the UK economy are dependent upon science, but that only 20% of these are employed as *primary scientists*. The remainder are in engineering, manufacturing, health, computing education, design etc. In the next decade, the UK will need over 800,000 more people qualified in science and mathematics, at all levels, from apprentices to research scientists. It is vitally important that we describe these jobs correctly as 'Jobs from Science' and not in science.

The challenge for the Science Opens Doors is 'How do we interest and inform children, at the critical age of 9-10, together with their parents and teachers, about the importance, value and excitement of careers from science' and do this before they are deterred by their peer groups?' Since research shows that children who are enthused by science often change their minds between junior and senior school, the Science Council helped to set up a programme for parents and children to carry out simple science investigations together in the classroom, receive presentations on the need and value of science and scientists, and receive information on careers from science.

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Already supported by the Horners and the Mercers, the project team would welcome support for this important and rewarding programme. Livery companies who wish to help should contact Clive Thompson of the Horners Company on clive.h.thompson@gmail.com

(a longer version of this item is available on our LSL website <http://www.liveryschoolslink.co.uk>)



The Barbers stand at the Showcase attracted very positive feedback and many students commented that they would like careers in the medical profession. Students from the Medical Outreach team showed students how to stitch wounds and take blood and talked to them about medical careers

Hackney's Education Business Partnership "Inspire!" have plenty of opportunities for liverymen to help out in schools.....

Inspire! Volunteering Opportunities in Secondary Schools

Volunteer Calendar Summer 2014

Date	Time	Event	Age Group	School/event location	Volunteers required
Thurs 5 June	8.15am - 3pm delivery 1.5 hours training	Get Ready for Work Experience	Year 10, aged 14-15	William Ellis School, Highgate Road, London, NW5 1RN	30
Friday 6 June	8.15am - 3pm delivery 1.5 hours training	Workwise & Enterprise	Year 10, aged 13-14	Hampstead School, Westbere Road, London, NW2 3RT	30
Friday 11 July	8.15am - 3pm delivery 1.5 hours training	Getting PAID	Year 10, aged 14- 15	City Academy Homerton Row, London E9 6EA	26

Get Ready for Work Experience is an employability skills event that prepares students for their work experience placements. Through a series of fun activities, students consider behavior in the workplace, the transferable skills they will be developing and how to make the most of their placements. They also practice making an introductory telephone call to their employer.

Workwise & Enterprise is an enterprise event in which students take part in fun activities to test their problem solving, leadership, teamwork, financial literacy and decision-making skills. Students bid as rival companies for a contract to provide the catering and entertainment at an awards ceremony.

Getting PAID is an employability skills event that supports students in developing their awareness of the job application process and the skills needed to succeed. The day includes role-play sessions, actors' performances, CV and application form group exercises and practice job interviews.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANYTHING IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT LIVERY SCHOOLS LINK, PLEASE CONTACT ALISON TRUPHET alisontruphetlsl@gmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LONDON STUDENTS TO GO GLIDING

The Honourable Company of Air Pilots has been offering gliding opportunities to students from secondary schools and academies in Inner London schools since 2004. The programme is managed by Captain John Towell and has developed and expanded with support from other Livery Companies. In recent years The Dyers, Basketmakers, Bakers and Vintners give financial support to their selected schools through the scheme.

We are very keen to welcome more Livery Companies to join the scheme. Sponsoring the education and development of young people in London is an excellent way in which Livery Companies work towards fulfilling our charitable aims. Livery Companies often have special relationships with individual schools which they sponsor or we can help to find suitable schools.

The students experience a flight in a glider and a measure of associated flying instruction from experienced qualified instructors. The benefits are, however, much wider than just learning about aspects of aviation. The students enjoy a day in a completely different environment where they will

interact with committed and enthusiastic volunteers. Students can be seen to grow in confidence during the day as they use life skills to communicate and interact with others in the team. It has been described by teachers as the best opportunity that they are able to offer their students.

Since the start of the Schools Gliding Programme, over 20 schools have taken part and 614 girls and boys have had a flight in a glider. The flying, all of which is done by qualified volunteer instructors, is undertaken by either the London Gliding Club at Dunstable, near Luton, Bedfordshire or by Lasham Gliding Society, Lasham Airfield, Alton. Both gliding clubs are members of the British Gliding Association (BGA) who are helping to ensure best industry practice.

Companies who would like more information should contact John Towell jptmoth@gmail.com London Schools Gliding is an excellent way for London Livery Companies to help develop and educate young people in line with our charitable aims. It also represents excellent value as for a contribution of £400 a party of ten students get a stimulating and potentially life changing experience.

