## Dear Mentor Candidate.

## Urban Synergy The Mentoring Resource Pool News Flash Update

We are glad to announce that *The Life Skills Training Consultancy* has completed mentor preparation training of 50+ London based Urban Synergy mentors.

Now that this milestone has been met, the team canfocus on mentor deployment and delivery.

Before any mentor is placed with a mentee they will be contacted by the Cohort Leader to make sure they are comfortable with the assignment.

Many people and organizations have expressed much interest in utilizing what we have to offer as a group to young people.

Last week Trevor Cole's mentee visited *Reuters* for lunch and toured the news floor where he had discussions with various members of the work force. When Trevor returned for his next mentor session he discovered that the visit caused a positive wave of excitement in the school, so much so the mentee will be talking in assembly about his experience.

Please see picture on page 3 of Trevor Cole and his mentee at Reuters.

Urban Synergy was invited to attend the Reach Report roundtable/brainstorming session to talk about how best to take forward the recommendation in the REACH report around role models.

One of the five **REACH recommendations** was that the Government should introduce a structured national role model programme for Black boys and young Black men.

From attending this meeting we met other community organisations and were able to participate in discussions. **REACH** are now aware of our program.

http://www.communities.gov.uk/communities/racecohesionfaith/raceandethnicity/raceequalityadvice/reach/







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## **Project Near Term Goals**

- To simplify communication, distribute Urban Synergy email addresses to mentor cohort groups two and three
- Send out an invite to all mentors so that a democratic vote can be made to constitute the Urban Synergy voluntary group steering committee Wednesday 7th November.
- Complete remaining CRB checks
- Facelift the Urban Synergy Website
- Send out invites to the Urban Synergy seasonal celebration
- Presentation and acknowledgements etc. Prepare for the big launch day scheduled to take place in February 2008.

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