

URBAN SYNERGY Q & A SESSION

Hello,

Thank you for expressing an interest in making our community a better place by considering being a mentor!

Great news – **Urban Synergy** has succeeded in delivering its 2008 objectives, to train 50 mentors to support young people in our community.

We are now reopening the volunteer enrolment process.

Please come along to our **Q & A Session** to:

- Meet the **Urban Synergy Team**
- Find out about our mentor preparation-training programme
- Listen to the experiences of those who are actively involved in mentoring young people.

At the end of our session you will understand the many ways that you can contribute to supporting our community by:

- Becoming a mentor
- Offering work experience
- Being a panel speaker
- Offering a hobby
- Offering apprenticeships

Date: Saturday 18th October 2008

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm prompt start until 9.00pm
(refreshments provided)

Address: New Life Assembly Church, Upland Rd, London,
Dulwich SE22 0DA

To secure your place email your RSVP to
Info@urbansynergyuk.com

Agenda

- 7.00-7.30** Introductions to **Urban Synergy Team**
7.30-8.00 Mentor preparation process
8.00-8.20 Break for refreshments
8.20-8.50 From the horse's mouth: what our mentors and mentees do, think and say
8.50-9.00 Questions and Answers

NB: Mentees are referred to **Urban Synergy** from all boroughs of London. We will find a mentee close to your home or work place!

Looking forward to meeting you. Please feel free to bring along friends who you believe may be good mentors!

Please call **Leila** or **Dianne** if you have any questions regarding this event.

Many thanks

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The Mentoring Resource Pool



SEPTEMBER FEEDBACK

From one of our mentors

"Good afternoon Ladies,

I trust all is well in your world.

Unfortunately mine has been and continues to be very busy so unfortunately I have not been able to dedicate the time to US as I would have wanted to.

That said I still continue to dedicate time to my mentee and have ensured that she has attended at least two of the US summer activities as well as sorted out her two week work experience.

Today is her last day and she has been shadowing a number of lawyers at the Goldsmith chambers which she has thoroughly enjoyed. We had a few hairy moments involving London Transport but after a million trial runs of her journey prior to her start date, a few early morning pick ups from me and one day of yelling we got there and I am proud to say, her second week went by without a hitch. She even worked out alternative routes on her own when things went wrong. I asked her to keep a little diary so that maybe she could write a small piece about her experience for the US website.

I also wanted to let you all know that I am so very proud of my mentee. At the end of last term she partook in some end of years examinations, mock ones as well one for Religious Education that count towards 50% of her final GCSE grade.

We were also given her predicted grades for her GCSE's and both her mother and I were distraught by the Ds, Es and Fs predicted.

However after a good talking to, she buckled down to revise for her exams and she got an **A** in RE....

As you can imagine both her mum and I are very proud of her and we hope this will set the tone for her exams next year. It's certainly given her something to work towards and she know we are all rooting for her.

Anyway my gushing is over (feel free to exploit the news all over US website)..I must get back to work."

From Steering Group Member

"I had a voicemail from one of our mentee's Aunt saying that they were so happy and xxx is displaying his best behaviour in years.

The mum said that she is so thankful to US and wanted to big up his mentor 100%, as he has made such an impact.

Please extend this to his mentor."

From Prendergast Hilly Fields College – Gifted and Talented Coordinator

"Dear Dianne, Thank you very much for the Think Further Academic Seminar last night. I think it was a great success and I'm sure some of our students have taken on board the motivational message (I did get asked for a stack of newspapers to read this morning!)

Best Regards Sam Prendergast Hilly Fields College Adelaide Avenue London SE4 1LE ----"

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