

Diplomas!!!

The new Diplomas launched in September 2008 and the Ealing borough was part of the first tranche of diplomas with the start of the Construction and Built Environment Diploma and the Creative & Media Diploma.

Project Officers from the Ealing & Hillingdon EBP have been working with these groups throughout the year to ensure effective employer engagement which is key to the success of the diplomas.

EHEBP arranged for students from the Creative & Media consortium to interview people working in the industry as part of their exploration of the local 'scene' and the jobs available in the industry.

Students from Acton High School and Twyford High School will be going on a visit to the O2 arena to find out about the media and technology they use at the arena. 5 students from the Construction and Built Environment Diploma have started a programme of Work Experience with 2 employers, Mouchel and Inspace.

EHEBP have worked with the consortium members and the employers to plan a programme of work experience relevant to the student's course and to their interests.

We have also been working with those diploma development groups who will start delivering diplomas from September 2009. We have supported these groups through arranging employer briefing sessions to ensure that local employers are aware of the new diplomas and their role in supporting diploma delivery. The IT consortium held a very successful planning day at British Airways with employers who are able to support the IT diploma through activities such as student visits, employer talks and setting briefs for students projects. EHEBP would like to thank British Airways, Vital and IBM for their support with this event.

If you are an employer who would like to find out more about the diplomas and get involved please contact **Paul at our Ealing office at pvanderhulks@ehbp.co.uk or 0207 903 8795.**

Can Do Can Do Can Do

The Can Do event took place at the Hayes Campus of Uxbridge College on 6-7 July and was based around several different workshops for students who have special educational needs.

The workshops included practical challenges and one even showed students how to make objects out of newspapers, which many found to be extremely enjoyable. There was a drama production done by adults and it was very entertaining which I am sure all the students found amusing!

Media was a great workshop, which let the students make their own short movies using a camera. I only attended this shortly but during that period I understood the aim of this topic and the amount of detail given to assure that they all had a full understanding of the aims. By the end of the session, they all managed to produce a short movie where they acted the roles and they were also able to watch their own creations.

Painting pottery was also a good practical session and it gave them a chance to use their imagination. There were aromatherapy sessions where everyone had time to relax and get a massage. This had quite a lot of students attending because it was different! I attended the drumming class, which allowed all the students to interact at the same time. There were many different types of drums and you could tell by the pupil's faces that they were getting real pleasure out of playing the instruments.

As you can see this event was a great success thanks to Fiona Kellam and also to all the staff that were willing to help on the day. Everyone had a great time because it brought out our creative and humorous side.

By Yasmin Koucha, Drayton Manor High School, Year 10 work experience at the EHEBP on the 29th June – 10th July 2009.

Would you like to get involved?

We are looking for employers from Ealing and Hillingdon to support our wide range of activities which take place throughout the year. It's a fantastic way to get your staff involved. Working with young people is a great way to improve your staff's personal development e.g. communication skills, presentation skills, supervisory skills etc.

Work Experience - placements take place throughout the academic year for pre and post 16 students.

Enterprise Events - supporting students in school to develop enterprise skills and encourage entrepreneurship.

Mock Interviews - practice your interview skills by interviewing a student from one of the local schools.

Career Taster Days - help to deliver workshops about your area of industry.

Understanding Finance - students need to know how to manage their finances to ensure they are prepared for working life.

Key skills - workshops which enable students to focus on the Key skills of communication, application of numbers, problem solving and working with others.

Professional Development Placements - why not give teachers the opportunity to come and shadow you in your industry and share this experience back in the class?

Other support - if you do not have the time to attend one of our events why not donate or sponsor some prizes?

Not all of our events are listed, if you are interested in finding out about any of our events please contact:

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E&HEBP HIGHLIGHT

Tomorrow's skills for today's young people

Autumn 2009

Chairman's Introduction

I am pleased to report that Ealing and Hillingdon EBP has had an encouraging start as a newly merged partnership.



Alan Coates - Chairman

Jamela and her team have worked hard to ensure that all of our stakeholders and funders have been consulted as to what they require of us, and equally we have been able to update them as to the services we can offer. Jamela represents the EBP on the 14-19 Strategy boards for both Ealing and Hillingdon and this ensures that she is both aware of and able to, influence the policy and strategy of educational initiatives within the boroughs.

These are challenging times both for the world of education and the business fraternity and it is vitally important that the EBP proves to be a valuable broker in cementing relationships between the two sectors.

It is also a hugely exciting time, where there are so many innovative opportunities for businesses to contribute in a sustainable way to the work related curriculum.

Our launch conference was well received and the Board are indebted to an impressive array of speakers who helped launch our Partnership in a most professional manner.

Jamela has continued to develop her team into a formidable unit who are very capable of discharging our responsibilities effectively and we welcome Paul Van Der Hulks, and Natalie Fleet to the team and wish them well, both of whom are covering maternity leave for Vicki Brennan and Arun Madar, and we would like to wish both our dedicated members of staff the best of luck as they take on their news roles of motherhood.

I am also delighted that our Board members have played their part in ensuring robust governance of the Partnership and the role and contribution of the sub groups of Human Resources, Finance and Marketing has been hugely beneficial in providing support and good counsel to the Executive.

I am pleased to welcome new Board members and these are Alison Moore London Borough of Hillingdon, Paula Whittle Principle of Hammersmith and West London College, and Robert Lobatto Barnhill Community High and I look forward to working with them in the future.

Whilst we have made a positive start we are aware that we need to keep proving to our schools, colleges and businesses that we are a pivotal player in providing services which are worthwhile and constitute real value for money.

On behalf of the Board we wish Jamela and her team every success over the next 6 months and I look forward to apprising you on our progress in our next newsletter.

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RENDEZVOUS AT THE RENAISSANCE

Local employers and teachers from Hillingdon joined together at the Renaissance Hotel, Heathrow on 1 July for a conference hosted by Ealing & Hillingdon EBP and the London Borough of Hillingdon to discuss and exchange ideas on delivery methods for the new Diploma qualification, which is being offered in several schools in the Borough from this September.

National Diploma Champion Will Butler-Adams from Brompton Bikes

addressed delegates, which comprised of 35 business representatives from a range of sectors including hospitality, IT and finance and teachers. He demonstrated their world famous folding bicycle before taking questions from the floor. The morning culminated in group discussions, during which business partners heard more about the curriculum and lesson plans from teachers involved in Diploma delivery.



Will Butler-Adams from Brompton Bikes

Jo Morley, Diploma Project Officer at EHEBP said: "Synergy between business and education is crucial to the success of the new Diploma and today's event is a perfect demonstration of this in action." This is the second conference and follows the success of last year's event held at Uxbridge College. It is hoped that this will become an annual feature on the calendar in Hillingdon.

Hillingdon schools and anyone interested in finding out more about Diplomas and ways to get involved, contact Jo Morley on 020 8897 7633 or jmorley@ehbp.co.uk

Diplomas are the new qualification aimed at 14-19 year olds, which combine theoretical learning with practical experience. In Hillingdon, Diplomas are currently offered in Engineering and from September, Business, Administration & Finance, Hospitality and Society, Health & Development will also be available.

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Congratulations to Arun and Sunil on the birth of their baby daughter Leah. Both mother and daughter are doing well.



HIGHLIGHT

Roaring success @ the Arora: Hot breakfasts on a cold morning!

Back in February, over 100 local business representatives braved freezing temperatures and blizzards to celebrate the official launch of the newly merged E&HEBP. Hosted at the Arora International, guests were warmly welcomed on arrival by EHEBP staff and the new Board of Directors.

Whilst invitees enjoyed their breakfast, guest speakers enthusiastically spoke about their experiences of working with the EBPs, and ways in which they plan to work collaboratively in the future.

John Edmunds, Head of Work Related Policy at the DCSF, gave an overview of the Governments "Children's Plan" and "Building Stronger Partnerships" initiatives. He talked about the vision for schools and businesses to have access to high quality "education business brokerage" through education business link organisations, such as EBPs.

The Community Investment Manager at British Airways, Mary Barry, spoke about their education programmes run in conjunction with local EBPs. She explained how BA and E&HEBP had together developed a new work experience programme, which was now being piloted across several departments throughout Heathrow airport.

Keith Warner, Managing Director for the Ginger group, talked about his positive experiences of working in partnership with Ealing EBP over the last 10 years. He was passionate about the fact that where students interface with businesses, real results can be seen.



Delegates listen attentively



John Edmunds, Head of work related policy at the DCSF



Panel of guest speakers

Rachel Seitz and Alison Moore, spoke on behalf of the two local authorities and how the EBPs were helping to fulfil their obligations under their respective "14-19 Agenda" for local students.

Alan Coates, Chair of the Board, addressed guests by explaining how the merger came about, and the expected benefits for local schools and businesses. He said "Fully integrating the Ealing & Hillingdon Education Business Partnerships has enabled us to share know-how and best practise. Now we can utilise our combined strength to make businesses aware of what they can contribute to education and what they can gain from getting involved. At the same time I believe that it is important to give young people the chance to experience the commercial world through work related learning".

E&HEBP now consists of 16 staff, who are located across the 2 sites at BA Waterside and Park Royal. For more information of the services offered by E&HEBP log onto the website: www.ehebp.co.uk.

Jamela Khan, manager of the new EBP, stated that the celebration event was to enable businesses, to see that the services on offer to schools have widened to include additional activities and enterprise workshops, to develop "tomorrow's skills for today's young people". On behalf of the EBP team, she would like to thank the business community for their continued and generous support, especially at these economically challenging times.

Engineer Your Future

The newest in a long line of BAA funded projects has just finished, to critical acclaim from all involved.

Organised by EHEBP, in partnership with BAA and other EBPs, the project ran across 5 boroughs: Ealing, Hillingdon, Slough, Spelthorne and Hounslow, in 10 schools and with over 1700 students.

The Challenge aimed to:

- Support and enhance students engineering and science skills
- Enable students to develop their communication skills, teamwork and problem solving ability
- Encourage students to work together on a series of real-world tasks
- Introduce students to BAA and their apprentice programme

So what was this project?

The 'Engineer Your Future' Tracked Transit Challenge was an engineering challenge aimed at Year 8 students. Led by the ever intrepid Jeremy King, and with between 2 and 2.5 hrs, students pairs were challenged to control a 4-wheeled buggy using a series of increasingly difficult engineering circuits based on the T5 Tracked Transit System, an automated train running between Terminal 5A and its sister terminals 5B and 5C.

So what did students learn? They learnt that when motors are on, they "spin right round baby right round". But apart from that joviality, there was a serious side to the event. BAA Apprentices attended the vast majority of events, imparting their knowledge, experience and expertise to the students. Working on a real-world problem, and with real-world solutions, a range of skills needed to be employed by the students to be successful. Time and time again it was refreshing to see the 'Eureka' moment as students began to understand how electricity works in reality.

Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive with 74% rating it either excellent or good and a mere 5% rating it poor. Perhaps, the best way to judge the success or otherwise of the project is to ask the students what they thought. And we did just that. Below are some of their answers

Would you consider a career in Engineering?

- Maybe, because I like the different challenges that you are faced with and I also like it as it is a hands on approach
- Yes I would like to be an engineer if I had the skills, I have wanted to be a chef since I was nine, but engineering will be second
- Yes I would, it appeals to me because of the challenges that would lie ahead
- Maybe but certainly this has inspired me so maybe!

British Airways re-introduction of Work Experience

British Airways, with the help & guidance of EHEBP have re-introduced their work experience programme.

The scheme launched in January will give local students the chance to help bridge the gap between education & full time employment.

A number of departments within BA have agreed to offer placements including cargo, community investment, engineering, flight training, information management, operational research and corporate communications.

The programme has been praised by Chief executive, Willie Walsh, 'I'm delighted that we can offer young people the opportunity to participate in work experience. By providing such opportunities for students we hope we are contributing to their understanding of the skills & capabilities that will be required of them in the future.'



Willie Walsh, BA Chief Executive, with two of the young work experience students

Young Apprentice Programme 14-16 year olds – Health and Social Care and Hospitality.

"If Young Apprenticeships had been available when I was at school, I definitely would have gone down that route, as a traditional education wasn't for me."

Lee McQueen, winner of The Apprentice 2008.

Drive, passion and determination were the words of **Lee McQueen** who gave an inspirational speech to students, parents, teachers and employers who attended the event on the 11th May at the Thistle Hotel. Students were proud to receive their certificates having completed their vocational qualification at Level 2 which is equivalent to four GCSE's at A*-C grades. The evening ended successfully whereby the students were given the opportunity to meet and take their photograph with Lee McQueen himself.

A huge thank you to all the employers who have supported this programme working with EHEBP to make this possible in offering work experience for student's to complete a demanding 50 placement days as required by the course. There has been positive feedback from varied employers who have been happy to take on students on a regular basis and in return have been exceptionally impressed by many students and have offered them further opportunities.

"We are more than happy to support the Ealing and Hillingdon Education Business Partnership to give students firsthand experience to develop them for the future for what can be a very satisfying yet demanding area of work. We hope that this partnership enables students to discover things about themselves. Our view is that this is a very useful programme and even in the short space of the work placements we have seen students learn and develop; surely a great investment for all our futures." **Sukhwant Sandher, Development Officer, Southall Day Centre.**



Lee McQueen with the successful students

Congratulations to all the students that have worked hard. If you are an employer and would like to work alongside this programme, please contact **Lynette Webb** on 0207 903 8795 or lwebb@ehebp.co.uk.

Engineering your future

In March 2009 over 50 students from **Rosedale College, Abbotsfield School** and **Queensmead School** attended the fourth Engineering Your Future day held in Hillingdon. Organised by Ealing & Hillingdon Education Business Partnership (**EHEBP**) on behalf of SETPOINT London West and hosted by Rosedale College, these events aim to generate sixth formers' interest in engineering careers.

Representatives from **M.W Kellogg, Keerthivasan Jayaraman**, opened the day and **Doug Rowe** made the closing remarks.



Engrossed students ponder the options

Workshops were led by teams from **BP, FirstCo** and **Balfour Beatty**. There was also a careers session led by Engineering Your Future, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Civil Engineers. Representatives from the Institution of Engineering and Technology and the Year in Industry were also in attendance. Commenting on the day, Doug Rowe said, "It was a pleasure to meet young people who are in the process of deciding on a vocationally relevant career area. The country needs more engineers if we are to maintain a sustainable workforce."

Engineering Your Future has now become a key annual event in the Hillingdon calendar, and is hosted by both Rosedale College and Douay Martyrs School.

Anita Le-Gall from EHEBP added, "The workshops are challenging, creative and fun. They give students a fascinating insight into the world of engineering."