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Career Academies UK

Career Academies UK helps raise young people's aspirations and bridges the gap between education and work by giving them access to real experience of the world of work.

The charity provides a structured programme of paid internships, mentoring by employer volunteers, motivational lectures and workshops to give 16-19-year-olds, largely from urban areas of social need, the work experience and skills they require to be able to perform more effectively in the wider world. This highly successful programme, running for over ten years, is designed to compliment students' studies.

They work with more than 4,000 volunteers from over 1,400 employers large and small. The employers are from the public, private and voluntary sectors and include major multinationals.

In 2012 there were over 140 schools and colleges operating 180 Career Academies across the UK. Over 2,500 students from all parts of the UK are currently enrolled on the scheme. Since the project began in 2002, almost 4,000 students have graduated from the programme.

Students enrolled in the project, who may have little family background of higher education or experience of social mobility, are given the confidence and opportunity to engage with employers.

Deutsche Börse began the cooperation with Career Academies UK in 2011. Employees are invited to become mentors for 18 months, and Deutsche Börse makes a contribution to support the running costs of this charity. Our aim is to inspire and provide support for the exceptionally gifted students that are enrolled in the programme, who, on account of social circumstances, might otherwise find it difficult to progress in their careers.

Role of Deutsche Börse Group

Provide mentors that will support students for an 18-month period. In addition Deutsche Börse Group provides a financial contribution towards the running costs of the organisation.

Project start

2011

Project partner

Career Academies UK

<http://www.careeracademies.org.uk>

Objectives

1. Providing support and guidance to teenagers, preparing them for their future careers
2. Involving Deutsche Börse employees with our immediate community and fostering the culture of corporate citizenship
3. Creating opportunities for networking and dialogue with our stakeholders in the field of corporate responsibility

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