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Amazing People

An exceptional variety of representatives from across Portsmouth's business and school communities gathered at The Langstone Hotel to celebrate the EBP's annual 'Amazing People Awards'.

This year's Winners!

Front: Year 11 students from Purbrook Park School: Joseph Borsley, Sarah Crowder-Johnson, Lilia Gibbons, Zahrah Goolam-Mohomed, Matty Norris and Michael Whiting.

Middle: Louise Soloman, (Springfield School) Vicky George & Elaine Burnet (Little Learners Daycare), Laura Ruck & Rachael Baker (Pfizer), Lady Carol Musgrave (Barn Farm) Heidi Southwell (Warings) and Clint Marsh (Langstone Hotel).

Back: Sharyn Kent (Solent Hotel) Richard Solly (Verisona Solicitors) Ian Limb (Portsmouth Water Company) Gary Medlow (Fasset) Jeremy Thomas (Portsmouth Grammar School) and Nicola Beausseron (Warings).

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**Winner, The Langstone Hotel
Presented to Clint Marsh**



**Winner, Little Learners Day Care
Presented to Elaine Burnet (left)
Vicky George (right)**



**Winner, The Solent Hotel & Spa
Sharyn Kent**



**Winner, Richard Solly (left)
Verisona Solicitors**



**Winner Jeremy Thomas (left)
Portsmouth Grammar School**



**Winner, 'Warings' Presented to
Liz Boynton**



**Winner, Barn Farm
Presented to Lady Carol Musgrave**



**Winner, Fasset
Presented to Gary Medlow (left)**



**Winner, Pfizer
Presented to Laura Ruck (middle)
& Rachel Baker (left)**



**Winner, Portsmouth Water Company
Presented to Ian Limb (right)**



**Ultimate Challenge Winners
Purbrook Park School**



**Ultimate Work Experience Student
Louise Solomon**

Over 140 leaders of local businesses, schools and colleges were present to celebrate their collaborative achievements in working with the EBP to help prepare young people for the world of work. The gala dinner, hosted by The Langstone Hotel and sponsored by the following companies: IBM, 1000 Lakeside, PCC, Havant BC, Verisona and Hampshire Chamber of Commerce was held to recognise the opportunities that the

business community had provided young people in the area with. Chief Executive, Cath Longhurst, opened the event by announcing that, despite the recent cuts in funding and present economic climate, the EBP had maintained a strong position to continue its work and thanked all those present for their support and commitment to the organisation.

Opportunities Fair

Over a thousand children and their families spent a day being inspired by the opportunities available to them in the City on Sunday 16 October at the Guildhall in Portsmouth.

The event focused on 10 to 13 year olds and their families and inspired young people and their families about local companies and local employment, helping them to find out about the huge variety of businesses in Portsmouth. It was an initiative of the Future of Portsmouth business group.

100 local Businesses, Training Providers and Colleges offered an exciting, fun, interactive event that showcased their work and some of the wide range of career opportunities that exist.

The day included leading local figures/inspirational speakers/music and entertainment, local success stories, quizzes with prizes, and lots more.

Portsmouth's Lord Mayor Cheryl Buggy said, "Don't you just love it when someone has an idea and that idea becomes a reality". "We wanted to introduce young people to what's possible for them in the city, and we have done that".



Year 9 Students LEAP in Confidence

Students from Havant Academy overcame all their anxieties about public speaking and gained valuable presentation skills thanks to a team of professionals at one of the South's leading facilities management companies, Fasset.

It seemed a daunting prospect at the start, but a group of Year 9 students from Havant Academy in Wakefords Way have completed the 'Learning Excel Aspire Programme' or 'LEAP' created and managed by the EBP and run in collaboration with property management firm, Fasset.

To find out more about 'LEAP' contact Jessica Memery at EBP (023) 9228 3400



Students 'Step Into Sport' at The Mountbatten Centre

Secondary School pupils from across Portsmouth gathered at The Mountbatten Centre to learn more about the career and training opportunities available in the Sport & Leisure sector.

With practical activities, interactive talks and opportunities to meet professionals who attended the careers event, pupils from Brune Park, Charter Academy, City Girls, Havant Academy, Henry Cort, Horndean Technology College, Park Community and Priory Schools

were left with inspiring ideas and knowledge for the future.

'Very often young people have a narrow view of what sport can offer in terms of a career,' explained Michael Whitelock of the Portsmouth Schools Sports Partnership who from September will be working on a Trampolining Service for schools throughout the region. 'It is important they know about all the jobs that are available in the industry to support sport such as managerial and coaching positions.'

National Citizen Service Programme

Young people in our area to benefit from National Citizen Service 2012 roll out.

Over 200 young people from our area, in Year 11 will have the opportunity to benefit from National Citizen Service (NCS) in the summer of 2012. National Citizen Service is a flagship initiative supporting the Government's vision for building the Big Society. EBP is one of the main providers of this opportunity in Portsmouth & South East Hampshire.

NCS provides young people from all backgrounds with the opportunity to take on new challenges, learn new skills and make a difference. It aims to promote a more cohesive, responsible and engaged society. It offers participants the chance to prove to themselves and to their peers what they can achieve and shape their futures.

How it works

- NCS includes fun and challenging activities, including away-from – home residential experiences and a self-designed social action project.
- The programme runs for two weeks full time during the summer holidays with an additional 30 hours to be completed in participants' own time in their communities.
- 2012 is the second pilot year for NCS and there will be up to 30,000 places available for young people in England.

NCS groups will spend five days at an outdoor centre, taking part in a range of team building activities. Participants will then spend five days taking part in activities and visits to local organisations, including businesses, community centres and educational establishments, interacting/engaging with members of the local community. The young people will also be asked to develop their social action projects to benefit the community. Then, over the next few weeks, the participants will deliver their community project, they will be encouraged to keep podcasts, videos and diaries of their work. A celebratory graduation event will then be held at the end of August.



Successful Launch of Website Challenge 2012

IBM in partnership with EBP saw a fantastic number of schools from the local area sign up to take part in the Schools Website Challenge during the final week of the autumn term, in December 2011.

The challenge represents an exciting real-life business project to design, develop, test and create a website to a given brief from a real client. This year's client is PETA Training & Consultancy Services, they are looking to promote apprenticeships in a way that young people will understand and connect with them. Fran Wright, Project Co-ordinator managing the project for EBP said, "I am really looking forward to the final in March as it will be the culmination of three months hard work and determination from the teams taking part. It will be great to see the creativity that the teams produce and how they will have developed in confidence as individuals".



With 2012 well under way, I am pleased to be able to bring you a newsletter that celebrates some of the exciting projects that took place towards the end of 2011, and looks forward to the many opportunities in 2012.

Despite many changes in education, we know from the high numbers of young people who are currently unemployed, that it is more important than ever to give the next generation the best possible preparation for the future.

We are continuing to organise a 2-week work experience placement for nearly 4,000 14/15 year olds this summer. The feedback from students, schools and employers tells us that this opportunity really does help young people to focus more on their future and in many

cases makes them realise the importance of gaining their GCSEs. Both the National Citizen Service and the Learn Excel Aspire Programme, help students to develop the qualities that employers continue to ask for, i.e. the ability to work with others, commitment, initiative, problem solving and communication skills. There are more details of both these and our many other programmes and events, here and on our website.

I wish you all a successful and Happy 2012.



Cath Longhurst, CEO

Forthcoming Events

Boys Literacy Event

2 February 2012
Kings Theatre, Southsea

Celebrity Chef Challenge 2012 Launch

8 February 2012
Jamie's Italian Restaurant, Gunwharf
With Speical Appearance from
Gennaro Contaldo

Primary Schools Science Fair

6, 7 & 8 March 2012
Portsmouth Dockyard

Apprentice V Dragons' Den

6, 7 & 8 March 2012
Brune Park Community College, Gosport

Science 'Hands On' Event

15 March 2012
Neville Lovett School, Fareham

CSI Day

19 March 2012
Harbour School, Fratton

Armed Services Emergency Day, Yr 10

29 March 2012
Charter Academy, Portsmouth

Final of A Place in the World

29 March 2012
Solent Hotel & Spa, Whiteley

Yr 10 Mock Interview Day

30 March 2012
Henry Cort School

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events, please visit**

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