

# WINGS NEWS

## Speed Mentoring - World of Work, 11th Feb 2012



*Rt. Hon Lord McNally, Mentors,  
Dr Sri Ram & Mrs Rajni Sriram.*

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012, over 400 teenagers gathered, at the prestigious Royal College of Surgeons in Holborn for an afternoon of innovative speed mentoring by over 60 top young professionals. The event was targeted at 14-20 year olds who had exclusive access to professionals from over 30 industries including banking, law, medicine, fashion, PR, event management, sustainability, music production, acting and enterprise. With eight-minute slots over a two-hour period, the students were able to get key insights into a wide variety of industries, with useful interactive advice coming directly from the professionals.

Invitations to the event were sent out by YouTube Video - <http://youtu.be/uPUYa4ypWTQ> - to all past and current participants of WOHA, as well as teachers. Garry Bowe, Headmaster of Wellesborough School chartered a mini-bus from Northampton to Central London so that his students could attend the weekend event. "Our young people are entering an increasingly competitive jobs market and the greater understanding they can gain from young professionals the better informed they will be. This mentoring event will contribute towards that".

The Rt Hon Lord McNally, Deputy Leader of the House of Lords launched the event, commending Wings of Hope on the innovation and ambitiousness of the event.



*Over 400 attendees*

Feedback from the event was incredibly positive, with over 87% rating it 8 or above.

For more photos & information visit our website: <http://www.thewingsofhope.org/2012/02/13/speed-mentoring-11-of-february-2012/>

And watch videos from the event by visiting our YouTube channel WOHA2011: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GrUmFL-5\\_g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GrUmFL-5_g)

Dear Colleagues & Students,

*With the New Year, 2012 seems to have started off extremely well for the Wings of Hope. We have been lucky enough to secure many prestigious workshops and have successfully launched an innovative concept of speed mentoring.*

*Once again, WOHA has also been extremely successful with an unprecedented amount of teams submitting their 'snapshot projects' in February. The creativity and innovation seems to enhance each year and there is an increasing level of commitment by the students to fundraise for the Wings of Hope. We are delighted to see so many enthusiastic students taking part in WOHA and are eager to see which teams make it through to the semi-finals in March.*

*With WOHA 2011/2012 soon coming to an end, we wish to thank all the participants, schools and teachers who have taken part in WOHA this year and supported the Wings of Hope. Furthermore, thank you to all the corporates and professionals who have provided students with the unique and beneficial access to various workshops and events. We look forward to receiving your continued support throughout the year.*

Best wishes,



*Mrs Rajni Sriram, CEO & Co-founder*

## PROJECT PROGRESS:

### India:

**Annual, Sports and Cultural Meet:** The Annual, Sports and Cultural Meet is a much anticipated event and is one-of-its-kind in the locality. Every student in the school participates and is trained to perform thrilling and daring stunts. The event aims to boost the self-confidence, courage and team work of the students. Boys of class VI to X displayed their talents in Adventurous Sports which included human pyramids, cycling, karate, yoga Sana, roller skating and gymnastics. The primary school students on the other hand performed various stunts on their cycles. Fire performances also took place which astonished the audience forcing them to the edge of their seats.



*Students performing gymnastics at the Annual Sports and Cultural Meet.*

### Industry Skills Workshops:

January saw the exciting opportunity for students participating in WOHA to go on a much anticipated workshop at **Edelman PR** in central London. Students were extremely privileged to have the workshop conducted by Jackie Cooper the Creative Director & Vice Chair at Edelman who is also one of the panellists at the WOHA semi-finals. The students got the opportunity to hear all about Edelman as a company as well as discovering the global well known PR campaigns that Edelman have covered. Most beneficial to the teams who attended was how PR could help them in their mission to spread awareness for the Wings of Hope and gain further support in their fundraising campaign.

Once again the workshop was an absolute hit with the students, who went away with everything they needed to know about PR, some even felt inspired to apply for the summer work experience they offer.

#### Feedback:

'I just wanted to drop you an email to say what an eye opener the workshop was yesterday at Edelman PR. So thank you for organising and to the team at Edelman for delivering such an inspiring and enjoyable session. I think we all got so much back from it'  
Ayath from Chelsea Academy.

During the February half term students had the amazing opportunity to visit **Christ's College at Cambridge University**. Wings of Hope was lucky enough to secure two separate visits to the university allowing even more students to take part in a unique and personalised visit of Christ's College. Students were initially taken to **The Yusuf Hamied Centre** and were given a presentation by Ed Sharpe on the admission procedure at Cambridge University. Dr Yusuf Hamied is world renowned for his contribution to the pharmaceutical industry. Dr Hamied is also an adviser to the Wings of Hope and donates his time and money towards supporting the student's winners trip to India. The visit also included a tour round Christ's College, lunch at the College canteen, tour of Cambridge and the other surrounding colleges and much more. The students who attended found the trip beneficial and extremely enjoyable.



*Students & Mrs Rajni Sriram outside The Yusuf Hamied Centre*

The latest workshop was held at the **BBC television centre** in White City. Students lucky enough to book a place were given the unique opportunity to meet key people working at the BBC. Babita Sharma, a presenter for **BBC World News** hosted the afternoon and with the help of her colleagues provided students with an insight into media and the different career paths available. Students were then given the chance to see the BBC World News studio and surrounding office in action whilst they were on air which was a unique experience. A tour of the BBC then took place which included seeing the studios provided for filming, dressing rooms and much more. Students got the chance to become weather forecast presenters, news readers and participants in a 'weakest link' style competition.

## The WOHA journey so far:



WOHAA 2011/12 has come to an end with teams submitting their amazing snapshot projects alongside the donations they have received. It really has been a rewarding year for WOHA and it's great to see so many enthusiastic teams. We are excited to see all the snapshot projects and shortly announce the teams lucky enough to get through to the semi-finals taking place at the House of Lords on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Teams events and activities that have taken place over the last few months have included a 61 hour radio show to break a new world record, charity gigs, Valentine's balls, Mexican and Curry nights, making a perfume, survival nights, sponsored silences and much more. Other teams have continued their mission to raise awareness by being featured in the local press including the Croydon Advertiser and Harrow Times but also by creating and promoting their own websites.

With the end of WOHA 2011/2012 comes the start of WOHA 2012/2013 which aims to be even bigger than before – more schools, more teams, more workshops, more prizes.... We are currently booking presentations to visit schools to give an introduction about the Wings of Hope and WOHA. Following this we would hope to present to the students at the school to get them on board and participating in WOHA.



If you would like to book a presentation for your school – please visit:

<http://www.thewingsofhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Presentation-booking-form.doc>

or contact 020 8438 1598.

If you are a student and already know that you would like to take part in WOHA 2012/2013 you can sign up here:

<http://www.thewingsofhope.org/wohaa/sign-up-now/>

**Special Mention:** Well done to Markos Glucksman, aged 10 years old from Knightsbridge School who raised an amazing £549.00 for the Wings of Hope. For two consecutive years instead of asking for birthday presents Markos asked for donations from family and friends in order to aid the Wings of Hope. Thank you!

### Upcoming Events

**Run** - Challenge yourself and take part in the prestigious **2012 British 10k London Run on 8th of July.**

- Fancy some fun? Dress up as your favourite super hero in the **Super Hero Run on 13th May 2012.**

**Cycle** - we have a number of cycling opportunities including a **cycle to Paris on July 11th-15th.**

**Skydive** - for those seeking an adrenaline fueled activity! Take the leap at 10,000ft high - **year round**

Visit: [www.thewingsofhope.org/get-involved/fundraising-and-events](http://www.thewingsofhope.org/get-involved/fundraising-and-events) for more info.

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