



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WINGS OF HOPE CHILDREN'S CHARITY - MAY 2013

WINGS NEWS

WOHAA Awards Ceremony at The Royal College of Surgeons - 2nd May 2013

On 2 May 2013, the most awaited day in the calendar of the Wings of Hope Achievement Awards finally arrived!



Overall winners Team Unity from Hasmorean School for Girls

The Royal College of Surgeons where the Awards ceremony was held was packed with half a dozen Head Teachers, 25 Teachers and over 300 students and their parents from Schools all over the country.

The evening began with a fantastic performance by dancers from the world famous Pineapple Studios, whose high octane performance got the crowds up standing, clapping and cheering.

Wings of Hope was very privileged and honored to have Lady Juliet McNally – wife of Lord McNally, Deputy Leader of the House of Lords, attend the ceremony and hand over prizes.

Senior members from our Corporate partners also attended the event and handed over the prizes, Mr Damon Clark CEO of Brandwith, and Mr. Simon Ayoage from Barclays Bank was also amongst them. The talented and upcoming, British Boy band – The Parades, all mesmerized the crowd with their powerful singing. They also did an impromptu song titled 'WOHAA'!



Lady Juliet McNally presenting most Awareness award

This year for the first time, 'The Best Teacher' award was introduced. This went to Mr. Giles Tilbury of St.Mary's Church of England School in Hertfordshire.

Dear Colleagues & Students,

WOHAA year 2012-13 has been a truly momentous year for us.

With over 302 teams participating in the Wings of Hope Achievement Awards (WOHAA) programme from over 85 schools all over Britain, and Teachers and Head Teachers commenting on the huge popularity of the Awards at schools, means a lot to us!

Students this year have come up with innovative ideas like Head Shave, Comedy Nights, Masquerade Balls, cookery books to name just a few! WOHAA has also attracted younger students in Year 9 this year and amongst them we also had a winner this year.

We are also very proud to announce that an old student participant of WOHAA has actually taken the plunge to gather his University friends and build a primary school in Malawi during their gap year! This is testimony to the fact that WOHAA is introducing Philanthropy at a young age and helping students to become Global citizens.

I sincerely thank our corporate partners, Edelman and Tata Consultancy Services to putting on fantastic workshops for our students this year.

We also wish to welcome Barclays bank on board.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rajni Sriram, CEO & Co-founder

WOHAA Semi Finals at the House of Lords - 18th April 2013



On the 18th of April 2013, 22 teams, from different schools participated in the semi-finals of WOHAA 2012-2013 at the House of Lords. The day commenced early in the morning with teams arriving to present their WOHAA journey to top CEOs and celebrity judges.

This year's judges included: Alok Sharma (MP, Vice Chairman, Conservative Party) Jackie Cooper (Global Chair, Creative Strategy), Edelman Baroness Verma of Leicester (Minister at the Department of Energy and Climate Change) Suzanne Avery (Managing Director, Real Estate and Sustainability at RBS) Sir David Jason, Dr Sri Ram (Co-Founder of The Wings of Hope Children's Charity) N Shankar (Managing Director of Tata Consultancy Services, UK & EIRE), Rajni Sriram (Co-Founder of The Wings of Hope Children's Charity),

Justice Ebrahim (Supreme Court Judge NSZimbabwe), Mrs Ebrahim Lady Gill Hinchcliffe, Ruth Amos (The Youngest Entrepreneur) and Clarke Carlisle (Chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association).

Each team was given a 5 minute slot in which they had the chance to present their creative WOHAA achievements and even failures to the judges.

TCS Workshop - 27th Feb / 20th March 2013



On 27th February and 20th March 2013 Wings of Hope hosted two fantastic industry skills workshops in conjunction with corporate partner Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

Lucky WOHA participants were given the opportunity to explore the kinds of careers that they could have with a company such as TCS and were given the opportunity to fire direct questions at the panel of presenters! Many were surprised to hear that you don't just have to be a computer-genius to work for TCS and were excited to learn about roles in the legal, sales, HR and corporate sides of the business.

The afternoon was rounded up with an insightful talk from HR experts from the organisation, who gave a number of 'insider tips' on CV writing and interesting advice on job applications and interviews.

Barclay's Money Skills Workshop - 23rd January 2013

On Tuesday 23rd January 2013 over 40 Secondary and Sixth Form students came from across the county to attend a Money Skills Workshop hosted by one of our corporate sponsors – Barclays. The workshop was held at Barclays offices in Cheapside, central London.

The afternoon was a tremendous success. The feedback from the students was extremely positive, who commented they found the workshop informative, inspiring and engaging. Students were given the unique opportunity to access the expertise and knowledge of top professionals from the banking sector. Not only will such workshops provide students with invaluable advice and understanding of finance within their fundraising projects but also with their personal lives – skills that they will not learn in school!



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