

Learning Ships - Young Shipwrights Programme 2015

An exciting activity for businesses to raise aspirations of young people through volunteering and sponsorship of excursions and practical boat building workshops.



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Hosted at Engine Shed, Business Innovation Unit at Temple Meads Station
Dates in May June and July, 09.30 to 14.30

Schools and families benefit from business support through –

- Business and industry volunteers - fun activities with children exploring skills needed for success and happiness that raise young people's aspirations before they move to secondary school.
- Heritage learning delivered in a practical ways that help children express their cultural identity in relation to their city.
- Children taking centre stage to open the Bristol Harbour Festival with boats they have made. *12 noon on Saturday 18th July. Over 2700 children have taken part over the last 3 years with over 10,000 spectators watching the race*

How does it work?

Volunteers are briefed on the day. Each volunteer mentors five children who work together to build and decorate a functional model of an iconic Bristol boat. The children are in last years of primary school and the boats are decorated with learning based on –

- Fun card games and discussions with business volunteers about opportunities, aspirations in life and work and the skills and attitudes needed to succeed.
- An exploration of the Floating Harbour by ferry boat, exploring the tides, lock gates and sluices as well as seeing boat builders, riggers and blacksmiths.

These workshops are for schools in regions of Bristol where young people have a limited view of opportunities and experiences that are open to them. The activities are based on our research that shows aspiration on entry to secondary school are directly related to attainment aged 18 and that meeting people with different jobs before starting secondary school and having a sense of civic pride are key factors in success and happiness later in life.



Costs – Sponsor- one school workshop £625 (30 children) / Two workshops £1050 (60 children).
Volunteering is not essential and we can handle individuals or teams of volunteers

[Read more and watch film of previous years events](#)

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