Education
Skills for life

Deutsche’s Born to Be develops skills that can help young people move up in the world

Education is universally recognised as a driver of social mobility. Higher education can be particularly beneficial. A person who is the first in their family to go to university can expect to earn much more over their working lifetime than their parents and peers who leave school at 18. However, in our fast-changing economy and society, a degree is just one path that can lead to a different future. Students from disadvantaged backgrounds are less likely to stay in full-time education, which is why vocational skills and qualifications have an equally important role to play in opening up opportunities for a better life.

The fact that the UK has one of the lowest levels of social mobility in the developed world highlights the importance of initiatives like Deutsche Bank’s youth engagement programme Born to Be, which aims to help young people reach their potential. The UK government has identified increasing attainment, raising aspirations, improving vocational routes for school leavers and getting more young people into education and training as priorities. Those targets show the relevance of Born to Be’s focus on aspirations, skills and access to opportunities. Born to Be encourages all kinds of skills that can make mobility achievable for young people today: those required for academic success, aptitudes that match the twenty-first century job market and the tools that everybody needs to negotiate life’s challenges.

New experiences
Playing Shakespeare with Deutsche Bank combines the academic objective of supporting GCSE and A-Level students with the nurturing of cognitive skills important to employers. The project also contributes to social mobility by making culture more accessible to young people. Attending a performance at the iconic Shakespeare’s Globe in London is a first experience of live theatre for many students. “For many families in socially deprived areas, it’s simply not practical or affordable to take children to the theatre,” explains Georgina Ellin of Globe Education. Given the enthralling nature of these extraordinary productions, it is unlikely to be the last. The vocational skills developed by Design Ventura, a business enterprise project in partnership with the Design Museum, align with many potential career paths. Student teams answer a brief set by a leading designer with guidance from business and creative professionals, including Deutsche Bank volunteers. Hands-on experience of design and business shows students how these skills are used in the real world, and where they could lead in the future. “This has changed how I view products,” said a Year 9 student. Good communication skills are expected for better-paying jobs, but young people may not get support in school or at home to become confident communicators and negotiators. Through Read Discuss Debate, Deutsche Bank volunteers help sixth-form students in London and Birmingham master how to analyse and discuss current affairs.

Opening the door
With science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills becoming core to more and more industries, this field should be top of the list of students’ career choices. However since just 14% of the UK’s STEM workforce is female, many young women see the STEM door as closed. The goal of Student to STEMette is to show them that STEM careers are attainable. Female students are paired with female mentors working in STEM who encourage their aspirations. The sporteducate project combines education with sport to change the direction of young people at risk of dropping out of education and employment. At community sport clubs across London, young people like Dominic get individual support. “Lessons at school have lots of people but here it’s a small group. The teacher answers my questions and helps me with my work.” As well as getting better at Maths and English, Dominic is learning lessons about persistence and resilience that will stay with him for life.

For Josh, sporteducate brought him into contact with Deutsche Bank employee James, who mentored him on his next step: “I don’t know whether I would have been able to make the same university choices if it wasn’t for James,” says Josh. He is one of the thousands of Born to Be participants to discover what they are capable of, and never look back.

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Opening up

What can we do as a business to improve social mobility? The fact that relative poverty and economic inequality are on the increase in the UK highlights the need for action on this issue from the private sector as well as government.

Within these pages, we highlight how our Born to Be youth engagement programme targets skills that improve the employment prospects of young people, one of the key factors in social mobility. Our enterprise programme Made for Good contributes to this goal by supporting innovative social enterprises and start-ups in deprived areas. We also join with influential partners like the Centre for Social Justice and UnLtd to bring new policy ideas to wider attention.

Even so, along with the rest of the banking industry, we can do more. As an employer, we know that we need to attract the best talent to compete successfully in our marketplace and to do the best we can for our clients and society. Yet industry-wide statistics show that state school students are consistently under-represented in banking.

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London’s top chefs support StreetSmart: from left to right, Jacob Kennedy (Bocca di Lupo), Jeremy Bloor (OXO Tower), Jeremy Lee (Quo Vadis), Giorgio Locatelli (Locanda Locatelli) and Anna Hansen (Modern Pantry) help feed the homeless at a charity-run soup kitchen. Photograph courtesy StreetSmart

Every penny

StreetSmart and the Deutsche Bank Small Grants Fund are long-running community initiatives that keep on giving

The Cardinal Hume Centre in London gave Elena a lifeline. She was homeless due to difficulties with her family. The Centre helped Elena get her life back on track. A successful two-week placement working in media production at Cambridge University built up her self-confidence. She is going to college and has found her own place to live.

The Cardinal Hume Centre is one of many homelessness organisations in the UK to benefit from the StreetSmart fundraising campaign that Deutsche Bank has supported since 2006. During November and December, participating restaurants throughout the UK invite customers to donate £1 to StreetSmart on their bill. Those donations go directly to nearby charities that alleviate and prevent homelessness in the local community.

Deutsche Bank covers all of StreetSmart’s campaign costs so that every penny of every donation reaches its intended destination.

More than 500 restaurants took part in StreetSmart in 2015, including the Bank’s own employee restaurants for the first time. Donations benefited 2,300 people and took the total raised to date by StreetSmart and its sister programme SleepSmart to over £5.5 million. Employees can help spread the word about StreetSmart by enlisting their favourite restaurants.

The Deutsche Bank Small Grants Fund is another example of the Bank’s support for people working at grass roots level to create stronger and more inclusive communities. Established in 2005, the Fund provides grants of up to £5,000 to small charities, voluntary and community groups in London and Birmingham who are involved in helping the most disadvantaged in society.

The recycling of redundant IT equipment has increased the amount of grant funding available, an idea that came from the Bank’s Chief Technology Office. Deutsche Bank recycles all of its unwanted IT equipment through the Donate IT programme. Employees are invited to do the same with old laptops, phones and other electrical items. Every penny counts: “In an increasingly difficult funding environment, these grants are incredibly valuable to small charities and community organisations,” says Russell Dlewe of The London Community Foundation, which manages the Fund for the Bank.

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Advocacy

Thought leader

Strategic partnerships and pioneering research support Deutsche Bank’s corporate citizenship agenda

Keeping creativity on the curriculum

Many people believe that a well-rounded education is the best preparation for life. Yet the new English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) qualification proposed by Government to replace GCSEs has no arts component. With a curriculum that covers maths, English, sciences, languages and humanities, there are concerns that creativity will become marginalised in schools. That could affect pathways from school into the creative industries, which employ more than 2 million people in the UK. It also overlooks the role of these subjects in developing imagination, critical thinking, communication and empathy.

Business leaders are calling for the expansion of the Ebacc. As a long-time champion of the value of art and creativity to society, Deutsche Bank is backing the campaign to reform it. More than 100,000 people, including Deutsche employees, signed a petition to include arts subjects in the Ebacc, which will be debated by MPs later this year.

Encouraging social entrepreneurship

Is it easier to be a social entrepreneur in the UK than in Germany? Why does Argentina have more social entrepreneurs per head than any other country? Thomson Reuters Foundation, together with UnLtd and Deutsche Bank, will undertake a first international survey of the environment for social entrepreneurship around the world.

Asking experts and social entrepreneurs in the world’s biggest economies as ranked by the World Bank, the poll seeks to identify the best countries for social entrepreneurs and emerging hotspots, to highlight best practice in this growing sector.

The Bank is also contributing to the future of social entrepreneurship in the UK by working with UnLtd to create a formal career path for aspiring entrepreneurs. Deutsche Bank has been part of a consultation group set up to help UnLtd create an apprenticeship standard for entrepreneurs and social entrepreneurs.

Nearly half of 18-30-year-olds in the UK want to start a business and 70% are influenced by social causes. Apprenticeships will allow young people to get on the job training on how to build a business of their own and give them a recognised qualification too.

“This apprenticeship is a first step to creating a new way to join the ever more diverse and powerful movement of social entrepreneurs for good,” says Simona Popa of UnLtd. Following formal approval of the apprenticeship standard and framework by the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, employers should be able to begin taking on apprentices from 2017.

Taking charities to the next level

In 2015, Deutsche Bank decided to expand its Charities of the Year programme. The Bank now works with one UK and one international charity partner for two years rather than one, and employees can nominate mid-size as well as small charities. The ambition of the programme has also grown. “We felt there was opportunity to increase the impact of our programme beyond fundraising by using the skills and talents of our employees to build the capacity of these charities,” says Sabra Rouf of Deutsche Bank.

So when Autistica launched its Lifesaver Appeal to fund research into causes of early death among people with autism, in addition to raising money Deutsche Bank employees assisted with policy proposals to get autism on the government’s healthcare agenda.

The involvement of Bank volunteers with Hope and Homes for Children includes mentoring its project management teams in preparation for larger projects made possible by the increase in funding from the Charities of the Year programme.

The Bank plans to run training sessions for small charities, with input from Charities of the Year alumni, to share some of the lessons learned over the 17 years since the programme began. These will cover topics such as building successful partnerships, developing networks and creating engaging communications campaigns.

Transforming communities

Deutsche Bank’s partnership with social policy think tank the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) has already produced policy recommendations to improve educational equality in the UK. The CSJ is one of the most respected voices on poverty and social deprivation in the UK. The latest product of this relationship is new research on how UK businesses can help transform communities.

Building on the conviction behind Deutsche Bank’s Made for Good programme that business can help drive social change, the CSJ will look at what companies can do to tackle some of the most persistent problems in UK society. The CSJ’s report, sponsored by Deutsche Bank and launched in September 2016, will showcase examples of positive social impact by businesses.

It will also provide the Government with recommendations on the policy framework required to encourage more companies to make their relationship with the community an everyday part of business.