

Changemakers' fans

People's thoughts on Changemakers...

"...we very much support its (Changemakers) work, and funding such work is part of a programme over the coming years in which, as well as taking tough measures on issues such as anti-social behaviour, we are prepared to put real resources into young people, volunteering activities and things that help to bring the community together. Changemakers is a national organisation and is recognised by us for its work. I hope that she (Sharon Hodgson MP) will pass on our congratulations to those engaged in Changemakers."

- Tony Blair, Prime Minister

"I like Changemakers because it has a lively, enterprising attitude to young people – expecting them to move themselves and make things happen rather than waiting to be 'done good to'. Obviously, they respond. Some of the projects really knock your socks off!" - Libby Purves, Broadcaster

"Changemakers gives young people a great opportunity to develop their skills and make themselves more employable, whilst at the same time having a positive impact on their community." - Richard Hamilton, Assistant Director (Corporate Responsibility), Barclays Bank

Young Advocates on Changemakers...

"I feel lucky to have been a Young Advocate and proud of the work that I have done throughout the year. The Young Advocate's programme is the absolute learning experience; the only downside is that every young person can't have the opportunity to do it!" - Scott Robinson, YA (2005-06)

"I would like to thank everyone involved at Changemakers for all their support and the opportunities they put forward for me (keep them coming!)... I look forward to working with you again over the coming months. You guys are fantastic!" - Arif Khan, YA (2005-06)

"Changing your community to suit you and learning from it is a truly liberating experience."
- Adam Short, Changemakers Young Advocate and Trustee

"Changemakers really means change." - Tiana Golden, Young Advocate (2005-06)

Mentors on the YA scheme...



"Tower Hamlets Council is committed to partnership working. Our involvement with Changemakers has enabled us to strengthen our participation approach and is a strong example of the benefits of youth-led work." - Lola Ashiru, Lambeth Youth & Community Services

"Barnardo's have been very proud of our Young Advocate, she has worked hard and achieved a great deal in a short space of time. She has proved to have a lot of skills in working with both young people and adults and we are expecting even greater things from her in the future. Thank you to Changemakers for giving her, and us, this unique opportunity." - Debi Morgan, Barnardos

On Enterprise and Citizenship...

"Studies indicate that enterprise activities in schools can provide the means by which young people gain an awareness of the opportunities available to them in business, and develop skills and confidence that can help them to start up in business later in life. Enterprise activities also strengthen the relevance and understanding of pupils' mainstream in school." - Davies Review

"To put it simply, citizenship is likely to be most powerful where pupils learn through action. They must be given opportunities to go beyond textbooks and tuition. They must confront the questions of the day and pose solutions. They must learn to think and act for themselves." - David Bell, HMCI – Citizenship Hansard Society Lecture, Jan 17th 2005