

OCS and Young Enterprise: Empowering the Next Generation

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Young Enterprise is a part of Junior Achievement, a global organisation with over 100 years of experience and a presence in over 40 countries across Europe and over 100 globally. Their goal is to help young people break down barriers to social mobility. Their efforts span ages 5 to 25, with a particular focus on children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Young Enterprise is a leading charity in the UK, dedicated to empowering young people through financial and enterprise education. Their mission aligns perfectly with OCS's commitment to fostering the next generation's skills and confidence.

A key to Young Enterprise's success is its volunteers, who mentor and guide children through various programs. **OCS** colleagues have been actively involved, participating in both one-day and digital programs. This past International Women's Day, at least 10 OCS colleagues volunteered their time to chat and present to the children, showcasing their dedication to making a difference.

OCS's commitment to Young Enterprise is further exemplified by the involvement of its leadership. Jacky So, OCS UK and Ireland ESG Director, traveled to London to serve as a judge, while Daniel Dickson, OCS UK and Ireland CEO, participated as a judge at the Suffolk and Norfolk County Competition. Their participation highlights the importance OCS places on this partnership and its impact on young people's lives.

Through this partnership, OCS and Young Enterprise are not only helping young people develop essential skills but also providing them with the confidence and mindset needed to build successful futures. By focusing on those who need it the most, they are making a significant impact on the lives of young people across the UK.

"We're so pleased to have entered into a partnership with OCS, enabling us to help more young people across the UK learn to earn and manage their money. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of OCS's volunteers, who have been supporting our Company Programme, Employability Day Programmes and 10X, all of which are designed to create opportunities for young people to develop confidence, work readiness and teamworking skills, helping them to enter the workforce more fully prepared. We are very appreciative of OCS's support."

Sharon Davies, Chief Executive Officer – Young Enterprise

"Supporting people from all walks of life into gainful employment is something we are deeply committed to at OCS. Working with Young Enterprise gives us a crucial head start in providing that support from a young age. We're incredibly inspired by Young Enterprise's work and are thrilled and honoured to be part of it."

Daniel Dickson, Chief Executive Officer – OCS UK and Ireland