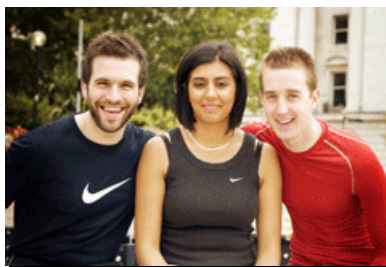


Partners in Success



Over £7,000 raised for Future Foundation Fund!

For the past two years, a team from Birmingham Future has taken part in the EDF Energy Birmingham Half Marathon raising funds for the Future Foundation Fund.

Members from the organisation, which represents young professionals from the city's professional, financial and creative services sector, pounded the streets to raise money for Future Foundation – a named fund set up by Birmingham Future and administered by the Birmingham Community Foundation to support projects under the theme of Education, Employment and Training.

Matt Taylor, Headline Communications, was chairman of Birmingham Future in 2008 when the fund was set up and said: "The October 2008 Birmingham half marathon is a great opportunity for us to raise money for Birmingham Community Foundation and will kick-start our fundraising efforts. I am excited about our partnership with the charity. Our members provide a great deal of time, energy and commitment to participating in all kinds of charitable activities and projects."

The commitment of Birmingham Future's members led to further fund raising efforts within their February 09 – Chairman's Annual Ball an event which took people back to the Dark Ages – this Medieval Feast was complete with jugs of ale, roaring fires and fair maidens and raised £1,600!

During the latter part of 2009 and in 2010, under the new leadership of Amanda Porter (from Mills & Reeve) Birmingham Future's fund raising efforts have continued for their Future Foundation Fund to raise over £1,500 at the EDF Birmingham Half Marathon in October 2009; and more recently over £900 at their recent annual ball!

Short Story:

In 2009, Birmingham Future made the first in a series of grants to local charities through the Future Foundation Fund – which was set up to support Birmingham-based projects in education, employment and training.

The MentorIT Academy, a project of Birmingham Victory Youth Centre in Lozells, Birmingham received a grant of £3,500 from Birmingham Future as well as ongoing mentoring and support for the scheme.

Amanda Porter said: "Our members have been fundraising over the past year with raffles and sponsored events as well as donations at our flagship events – the chairman's annual ball and the Birmingham Young Professional of the Year Awards.