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**NEW MAYOR HELPS LOCAL PRINCE'S TRUST TEAM'S
CELEBRATE SUCCESS**

Friday 31 July 2009

The Mayor of Cambridge, Councillor Russell McPherson presented certificates to members of "Team 19" in a ceremony last night to celebrate the successful completion of their Prince's Trust Programme.



Lucas Ling receives his certificate of achievement from Mayor Russell McPherson

The team was on a structured 12-week programme, organised by Cambridge Regional College (CRC). As part of the programme, they were expected to raise money to use in a community project. To raise the funds they held a sponsored leg wax for the 9 male team members, as well as a summer BBQ and ran a "Stocks Challenge", where staff and students paid to see their chosen staff member in the stocks and have wet sponges thrown at them!

The money raised went towards their Community Project where the team spent 8 days landscaping an overgrown and unused area of garden at the Hester Adrian Centre. They cleared the garden, created a gravel path, built a fence, trellis and rockery.

The presentation ceremony was held in the Cambridge Snooker Centre, where the team held a presentation on their experiences on the programme and where Mayor Russell McPherson presented the team members with their certificates.

At the ceremony, one team member, Lucas Ling said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the evening, especially meeting the Mayor and receiving my certificate from him. The team deserved everything from the hard work we have all put in".

Part of the programme also had team challenges where they planned a summer picnic for Can-Mind, spending a day with the elderly residents at Langdon House and hosted a fun day of activities and face painting for the children in the cancer ward at Addenbrooke's hospital.

The team members also work on their individual skills throughout a residential week, where members were encouraged to develop skills in communication, problem solving, personal responsibility, leadership and team working. Each member also completed an individual two week work placement with local employers, as well as working on their CV's, covering letters, interview technique and completing application forms.

The Mayor, Councillor Russell McPherson said, "I have presented certificates to both team 18 & 19 and have been impressed each time not only with the progress made during the 12 weeks of the course but in the effort put in to the presentation evening itself, with personal stories, overviews of what the course has meant to them personally and how what has been learned will be applied to their future plans. I am honoured to have been asked to present course certificates to these determined young people".

Andrea Finbow, Team Leader said, "This is an amazing achievement for the team and for the College. The members worked so hard in their fundraising and received excellent feedback for their hard work and professional attitude in their community project".

The next Team Programme will be starting on the 28 September 2009 and the College will be recruiting for this team from 1 September. Please contact Andrea Finbow, Team Leader if you are aged between 16 -25 to put your name forward or just find out more. For more information call 07711 929039 or email afinbow@camre.ac.uk

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