Aston University
Birmingham

Task Description

Birmingham 2012 – An Olympic Challenge

The role

As Volunteer supporting the Birmingham 2012 – An Olympic challenge initiative you will be supporting local Secondary schools and be volunteering with year 10-11 pupils. As a volunteer you will be asked to work with a group of students and mentor them in the design and a product based on both the Jamaican and American teams choosing Birmingham as their training base for the Olympic Games.

As a volunteer you will be asked to mentor the students in a positive manor, getting them to think about what products/services exist already and the competition they will face. Each group will be asked to complete a business plan as well as a creative product pitch.

Commitment

The project is a 4 week project in school accompanied by launch day at the university and a competition day at the university. Students need to be prepared to volunteer 2 hours a week for 4 weeks in school as well as supporting the Launch day and competition day at the university.

Volunteer must:

- Submit an application form/expression of interest
- Attend compulsory CRB check
- Attend Training
- Attend an introductory visit at the school
- Respond to an evaluation at the end of the programme

Qualities needed for numeracy Volunteers

- Positive role model
- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written
  (Some students may have to attend a language assessment session)
- Have sound business knowledge
- Willingness to learn
- Organised
- Committed
- Enthusiasm and willingness to help others
- No previous experience of working with young people is necessary but would be an advantage