

Role Model and Mentoring Project: volunteer programme London Metropolitan University/Ethnic Minority Achievement Service

CEA@Islington's Ethnic Minority Achievement Service has recently begun working with London Metropolitan University's Student Support Services to build up a pool of volunteer mentors and role models to work with minority ethnic pupils in Islington Schools.

This initiative has developed fast and in October 2003 we are now in the position of having more than sixty potential volunteers who have shown interest in the project. In order to ensure that we retain the support and interest of the student volunteers and also to ensure that their training, induction and placements in schools are successful, we need funding.

This would cover:

- Management and co-ordination of the project
- Training for volunteers
- Induction into schools
- Evaluation of the work
- Money for schools where necessary to manage volunteers

I estimate that the time needed to manage and co-ordinate the project would be 2 days per week, including time to follow up and evaluate the success of placements.

Further costs would include training and modest one off payments to schools where necessary for ensuring that volunteers are welcomed and accommodated.

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