



Bedfordshire Business Awards



On Tuesday 21st November the second Bedfordshire Business Awards were held.

Hosted at Bedford Corn Exchange the ceremony celebrated the very best in local businesses. There were 13 categories and a finalist for the 'Jayne Beard Heart of the Community Award' was Reactiv8's founder Michelle Downer. It was an enlightening evening and we are very proud of this achievement.

Many congratulations to Michelle and all the other finalists and winners.



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Conroy Downer - the Bedford boxer had his pro debut fight on 25th November at the prestigious York Hall and won, starting his career with a 1-0 victory.



Congratulations to Conroy Downer who started his pro boxing career at the prestigious York Hall, Bethnal Green on the 25th November, the heart of British Boxing. Downer, showing a great display of boxing skills, knocked down his opponent twice in the fourth round. Downer controlled the fight working behind his jab, whilst closing in on his opponent. Downer said "This fight for me was about displaying all the things I have been working on in the gym, I know I can knock any man out that stands before me. This was not about looking for the knock out, or throwing the kitchen sink at him to get rid of him, it was about showing class, a variety of punches, controlling the fight whilst keeping my form.

I know I am going to be a world Champion, I visualise it every day ever since I started boxing. I work hard in the gym and on the road, I don't leave any stone un-turned. With the great team behind me my coach Arthur Daly, James Conway from Kingsheath Boxing Club, MTK Global the biggest Boxing Management Company in the world at the moment, my amazing wife Michelle Downer and not forgetting the support from everyone from Bedford who came on Saturday. I know I am in good hands. My future is exciting, I am truly blessed and I am loving the journey on becoming a successful world champion".



Thought for the month - "What you do today, could improve all your tomorrows".

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In 2017, in partnership with Develop, Reactiv8 secured funding through the CEC to provide a mentoring programme for schools to help students raise their aspirations, increase their motivation and develop their employability skills whilst at the same time empowering them to take control of their future.

The programme, which is called 'Jump Start' is delivered as 12 group sessions followed by 1:1 bespoke mentoring tailored to help identify progression routes and career pathways based on the foundation work carried out with the students in the group session. The impact on the students included: instil self-confidence, create a positive mind set, increase the student's self-worth, teach them how to set goals, build on them and achieve them by creating plans to enable them to do so.

To date we have worked with the following schools:

Bedford Academy, Mark Rutherford, Wootton, KCA, Putteridge High, Cardinal Newman, All Saints Academy and Hazeley Academy.

Some of the students said – "realised what I can achieve", "got along with my mentor", "it helped me know what I'd like to choose later in my life", "understand the skills I have", "I enjoyed the group sessions as I feel it has given me a different perspective on life" and "Go Ape was fun and challenged me". Students comments on the Jump Start Programme – interesting, motivating, know how to write a CV, enjoyable, relevant and taking part in a group.

In January 2018 we are looking forward to working with three new schools who will be starting our programme and they are Lord Grey, Lea Manor and Sir Herbert Leon.

Staff Extra Mile Award

This prestigious award is given monthly to staff who have been nominated for "going the extra mile" and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all staff who achieved this. The staff who qualified were then placed into a draw.

The draw took place on Saturday 9th December at our Reactiv8 Christmas Dinner at Indiya. The lucky winner was Ramona who received a Spa Day for two, a well deserved win.

The following awards were given to:

January	Natasha Biddles	April	Natasha Biddles	Sept	Ian Pratt
February	Phil Johnston	May	Lydia Fowler	Oct	Marian Brewer
March	Glen Bowles	June	Ramona McCormack	Nov	Phil Johnston

Student successes - GB Boxing Awards

Another successful GB Boxing Award for students from Oak Bank School, delivered by Amun Kalyan. Huge congratulations to Jordan Gallagher who achieved Preliminary and Standard Awards and is now working towards Bronze. Luke Saunders, Dan Collins, Andrew Henderson and Jack Beattie are also working towards their Preliminary Award.

Jack Stanley and Aston Button from KCA also achieved their Preliminary Award but at present are unable to carry on due to injury, not sustained during boxing!

Working with schools

We have been working with Jack Stanley and Aston Button from KCA School supporting them with employability, preparation for the future, readiness to continue education and support in securing part-time work.

We are proud to be working again with Oak Bank 6th form students enabling them to make improvements and growth in their personal lives and we have had a radical transformation in confidence in themselves and their understanding of each other's needs for the future.



Building Better Opportunities

BBO is funded by The Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund. The Big Lottery Fund uses money raised by National Lottery players to help communities achieve their ambitions. From small, local projects to UK-wide initiatives, its funding brings people together to make a difference to their health, wellbeing and environment. Following completion of our programmes to date, all clients reported back that they had:



- Reduced barriers to employment
- Raised their aspirations and increased their motivation
- Gained a better understanding of employment opportunities
- Gained the necessary skills for employment

We are looking forward to starting a new BBO programme on the 8th January 2018 working with Luton and Central Beds clients.

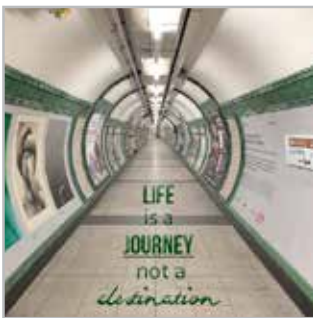
Helping the homeless

Reactiv8 is preparing and serving Caribbean food for the homeless on Saturday 30th December at the Taxi Rank, The Broadway. We hope to continue this in 2018 supporting the local community who are homeless.

Reactiv8's greetings cards

Our motivational cards have 12 different designs to choose from. Buy to inspire others or yourself!
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And finally...

A Christmas Message from Reactiv8

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And a Happy New Year
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