



For young people who **inspire** the lives of others

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Barclays invests in Diana Award holders equipping them with work and money skills

Training for Diana Award holders: Barclays Flagship Branch, Piccadilly, London:
Wednesday 7 October 2009, 5pm

Over forty young Diana Award holders, who hold this lifetime honour for their huge contributions to society, will receive bespoke Barclays Money Skills training at Barclays flagship Piccadilly branch on Wednesday 7 October 2009. Barclays Money Skills is at the heart of the bank's community investment programme, sharing the financial skills of its staff through volunteering with people across the UK to enable them to make confident and informed choices with their money.

The session will also see the young people, aged 15–22yrs, trained in work and presentation skills, preparing the young people for the job market and helping them combat the current economic climate. The training forms part of the Diana Award's unique development programme which harnesses the compassion and commitment of young people so they fulfil their aspirations for society.

The event will also see the **presentation of the Diana Award to Spencer Jevon, 17yrs, from Enfield**, for his huge contribution to his community and raising hundreds of pounds for charity. Spencer has an astonishing and positive approach to life despite suffering from Retinitis Pigmentosa, which causes progressive deterioration in his field of vision, as well as being a young carer for his mother who was involved in a serious road accident.

Newly appointed Diana Award Trustee and Managing Director at Barclays Commercial Bank, John Box, will launch the Diana Award 'Hive' – an online network created for the 27,000+ award holders in communities across the UK. The 'Hive' will ensure that these like-minded young people, from *all* circumstances and sections of society, can instantly connect with each other, share ideas and aspirations and act as a collective force to create change.

John Box, Managing Director, Barclays Commercial Bank, says:

"I am delighted and honoured to take up the post of Trustee for the Diana Award and to officially launch the 'Hive' today. I am constantly inspired by these young role models who are truly outstanding. This new online network will enable them to become the community leaders of tomorrow."

Maggie Turner, Chief Executive of the Diana Award, says:

“Award holders contribute to society for life. By investing in our young people Barclays are encouraging them to reach their full potential and helping them to create a society in which we would all like to live. We are extremely grateful to Barclays for all their support - it is wonderful to work with an organisation that is as passionate as we are about the development of young people”.

For young people the Diana Award is truly life-changing as they don't seek reward for the work they do and for many it may be the only recognition they receive. It often comes at a pivotal time in their life and empowers them to continue to contribute to their communities.

The Diana Award welcomes nominations from communities across the UK. Nominate online – www.diana-award.org.uk – for one of the three awards; the main Diana Award for individuals, the Diana Anti-Bullying Award for young people who have tackled bullying and the Diana Certificate of Excellence for groups.

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Notes to Editors

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The Diana Award gives recognition to outstanding young people who make selfless contributions to their communities and invest a huge amount of energy and compassion to improve the lives of others. There are three main categories; **The Diana Award** for individuals who make a sustained, selfless contribution to their community, and who demonstrate exceptional personal qualities; **The Diana Certificate of Excellence** for groups of young people who have worked together to make their communities a better place to be and the **Diana Anti-Bullying Award** for young people who have tackled bullying in their schools and communities.

At Barclays, we take our responsibilities seriously. We're really proud of our leading community investment programme which added up to £52.4 million in 2007. Over 43,000 of our people were involved in fundraising or volunteering in their communities. We supported over 7,000 charities around the world. Over the last 5 years Barclays people have raised over £60 million for their favourite charities with our help and matched fundraising

