

News from around the network

For those not familiar with the show, entrepreneurs and inventors pitch their business ideas to a successful panel of wealthy investors. If the investors, or Dragons' think that a business idea has the capacity to make money, they invest their own money to buy a share of the business. Bartosz, who owns a company producing unique edible salty sticks, or Beer Fingers, came away from an intense debate in the den with an investment of £100,000. Bartosz also received a bank

guarantee for circa £250,000, which will enable him to invest in the production of the salty sticks on a larger scale and enter overseas markets. As anyone who has seen Dragon's Den will know this is quite an achievement, well done Bartosz!

Ambassador hosts wedding day lunch for Fundación Impulsar in Argentina

As part of their celebration of the recent Royal Wedding between Prince William and Catherine Middleton, Ambassador Shan Morgan and The British Embassy in Buenos Aires hosted a benefit lunch for Argentine YBI member Fundación Impulsar.

Prince of Wales sent a congratulatory letter to Fundación Impulsar President Jorge Fillol Casas, which was read out by the Ambassador to all present.

The funds raised, will be used to support Fundación Impulsar's programmes and to ensure it can keep continue giving young people the opportunity to start their own businesses and realise their potential.



Above: Fundación Impulsar's CEO Eleonora Nobile, President Jorge Fillol and the British Ambassador Shan Morgan (centre)



Above: Guests enjoy lunch in the grand surroundings of the Ambassador's residence in Buenos Aires

The event recognised Fundación Impulsar's recent achievement of supporting its 1000th young entrepreneur through their extensive network of seven regional offices. To mark its achievement, President of YBI and father of the groom HRH The



Above: As part of her internship Jillian was invited to attend a gala fundraising dinner in Singapore

International YBI Internship - From Scotland to Singapore

YBI is a truly global network, and our members are connected in many different ways. One such connection is the through the exchange of staff and volunteers between YBI members. Here Jillian Shields recounts her experience of a two week internship with Youth Business Singapore, arranged by her mentor and Director of Marketing and Communications, with the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust (PSYBT) Margaret Gibson.

"Margaret and my previous employer Sandra Ewen, of the Determined to Succeed team in the Scottish Government, had met Raymond Huang of Youth Business Singapore, during his travels to Scotland and Mexico.

I wished to gain some experience of working internationally and to go to a country I had no previous experience of. Raymond had been very interested in Determined to Succeed (Scotland's strategy for enterprise in education) on previous visits to Scotland and felt that something similar could be implemented in Singapore. He kindly agreed to host me for the 2 weeks.

There is a wider governmental focus in Singapore to develop the entrepreneurial spirit and to engage young people in business. All secondary schools can access up to \$10,000 of grant funding to put in place a structured entrepreneurship programme for their students.

My task was to develop a 3-day curriculum for 15-16 year-old students to educate them about business, to develop in them an innovative mindset and entrepreneurial spirit and to come up with a 'big idea'. I used my own knowledge and experience, and built on the thinking that had been done here to develop the curriculum."

The pilot will be run with 40 students in August 2011 and will then be rolled out more widely. I have gained so much from the internship; I have learned about Singaporean culture, how the workplace operates, about the charity sector and the challenges it faces and the incredible opportunities available."

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Youth Business Singapore hosts gala dinner

Youth Business Singapore recently hosted a gala dinner alongside the CEO's of both Youth Business China and Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST) in India.

The glamorous evening was attended by guest of honour His Excellency Mr S R Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore. Besides serving as an important fundraiser the event was an important forum for deepening the already extensive cooperation between YBI members in Asia.

As part of the event, YBS appointed two international mentors who are executive directors of Youth Business China's Fujian Office. These mentors, one of whom was the programme's



first mentor six years ago, will share their knowledge and experience of best practice to inspire young entrepreneurs in Singapore. This mentor exchange is further enhanced by YBS heading out to visit India's programme in October this year.

Above: Raymond Huang of YBS (left) alongside Lakshmi Venkatesan of BYST in India and Yang Huadong of Youth Business China

British High Commissioner visits Entrepreneur of the Year Fathuma Nisreen

Reflecting the importance of the YBI Entrepreneur of the Year award in bringing recognition to young entrepreneurs, The British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, HE John Randle, visited award holder

Fathuma Nisreen in Colombo in view of the upcoming Commonwealth Games and Sri Lanka's bid to promote Hambantota, but still found time to stop into Fathuma's shop and buy one of her hand made bags.

YBI plays role in first Clinton Global Initiative America meeting

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YBI Singapore played a key role in the first Clinton Global Initiative America meeting, contributing to a working group focusing on Supporting Start-Ups and High Growth Businesses.

Andrew Fiddaman, Managing Director of Youth Business International and Henry Rogers, CEO of Youth Business America, attended the meeting held in Chicago from 29-30 June.

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