

LSL Newsletter to Clerks

June 2020

Dear Clerk

We are all in a strange position at present and facing a lot of uncertainty as to when things will return to any recognisable normality. The LSL team have been using the lockdown period to plan ideas for the future which hopefully can be adapted as things develop. In this newsletter which we hope will be of particular interest to those in your Company concerned on the school education side, we are giving you some thoughts on what we might be able to offer.

1. LSL Showcase

The Showcase 2020 has been cancelled at the Guildhall this year as has the rest of the London Careers Festival (LCF) because of the Covid 19 crisis. However, we are working with the LCF team for the virtual LCF to take place from June 29 until July 3. A variety of online resources to help teachers with careers activities for their students are being made available and the details can be found on the LCF Website <https://www.londoncareersfestival.org.uk/>.

The dates have been set for LCF 2021 as 5-7 July at Guildhall. On Tuesday 6 July 2021 we will have Year 8 and 9 secondary pupils attending and on Wednesday 7 July 2021 our audience will be Year 5 and 6 Primary pupils. We hope your Company might be able to plan a stall there on both days. If you would like to talk about this the person to contact is Maureen Marden maureenmarden@btconnect.com

2. Livery Education Conference

The conference took place at Merchant Taylors' Hall on 3 March 2020. We invited 50 senior staff from London schools and 50 Masters of Livery Companies to discuss issues of common interest on preparing young people for the future. Sheriff and Alderman Michael Mainelli gave an interesting talk on the 'Frontiers of Education' looking at how education will develop in the next few years. A copy of this talk is available on the LSL Website www.liveryschoolslink.org.uk. We are pleased to announce that the conference next year is planned for Tuesday March 9 2021 and again we have been offered use of their Hall by the Merchant Taylors' Company. We are developing the programme at present and will consider ways of making some of the content available online if large gatherings are still not possible by March 2021.

3. Livery in Education booklet

The 2020 booklet is being prepared with a planned publication date of July.

4. Volunteer platform

The volunteer platform is currently on hold while students are not attending schools. We are talking to other organisations about online presentations.

5. AGM

Our AGM is currently planned for 6 October 2020. It is planned that this can be held at the City Centre again. However, if this is not possible we are looking at an online solution.

6. Help for students

We are working on a scheme to provide home laptops for disadvantaged school pupils not covered by other schemes such as the government one for those in Year 10. We intend to contact all Livery Companies to appeal for funds from their members for the scheme. The need for these devices for disadvantaged pupils is a continuing one even when the schools are able to reopen. Full details will be available soon.

7. Volunteers

We are in need of more people to work with us to help to organise our events. There are opportunities for various types of help which may take only a few hours but can also involve more hours if someone wants to get more involved. If you know of someone who might be interested please let me know.

8. Website

We are planning to increase the number of links with our Website in future, We would be pleased to hear if anyone can suggest some links which could be useful for teachers in helping students with their careers planning. These links might be to your Company Website or to a relevant trade body or professional body or to a specialist course in higher or further education. The LSL Website is www.liveryschoolslink.org.uk.

With best wishes from the LSL team

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