

Knowledge Bank Winner

Paul Ludlow, from the Colchester branch, is our first winner in the Knowledge Bank prize draw. Paul wins £100 of M&S Vouchers and is seen here being presented with his prize by Christine Murray, the Knowledge Bank Manager.



Everyone who sends Christine information on the business to be used in documents we prepare for winning new work will be entered into the quarterly prize draw to win £100 vouchers of the winners choice.

Christine welcomes all sorts of information including work we do, initiatives we have undertaken, work in the community, awards won etc so please send email her with any suggestions.

Rotherham Apprentices

Partnerships has recruited four local apprentices as part of an initiative to provide employment opportunities that will leave a lasting legacy for tenants and learners across the Rotherham Metropolitan area.



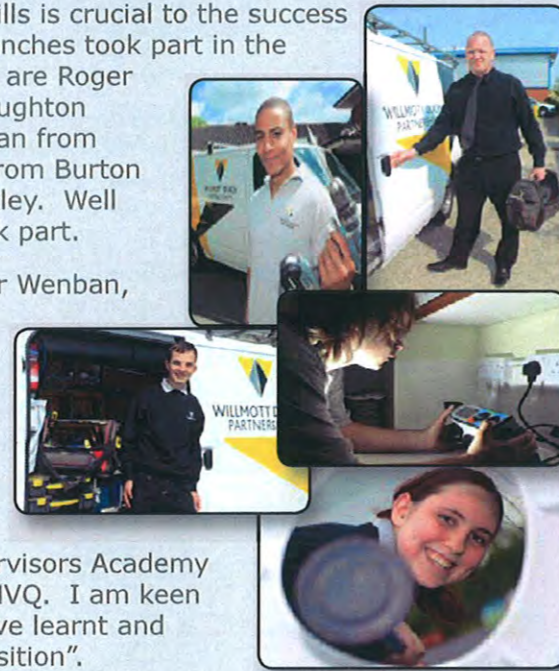
Stacey Bann, Jack Smith, Tyler Shaw and Daniel Essex will join our Rotherham branch through the company's pledge to recruit eight local apprentices each year and its partnership with Rotherham College of Arts and Technology.

We are supporting the National Apprenticeship Service's 100/100 campaign which aims to create 100 apprenticeships within south Yorkshire in 100 days. Willmott Dixon's local team has worked closely with Rotherham College of Arts and Technology to introduce a new NVQ level 2 in Building Maintenance Operations, allowing the apprentices to study in their local area.

Adult Learners Week

Willmott Dixon Partnerships undertook Adult Learners Week from 14 to 20 May. This initiative helped staff to learn new skills and enhance the skills they already possess. Here at WDP we believe that learning is the key to business success and that helping staff further their skills is crucial to the success of the business. Various branches took part in the initiative and pictured below are Roger Wenban from Suffolk, Liz Laughton from Scarborough, Luke Nolan from Birmingham, Bradley Price from Burton and Andrew York from Hinckley. Well done to all of those who took part.

One of the individuals, Roger Wenban, said "I joined WDP as a labourer without any qualifications for the industry. WDP arranged for me to get my levels 1, 2 and 3 NVQ plumbing qualifications and then gain a multi-skill NVQ. Since then I've attended the Supervisors Academy and gained a team leading NVQ. I am keen to make the most of what I've learnt and progress to a managerial position".



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have a people story you'd like to see in Well Done People, please send it to your Branch Champion or direct to claire.holland@willmottdixon.co.uk

ALSO

Don't forget your chance to win £100 by sending your business information through for the Knowledge Bank

Knowledge Bank

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Community Calendar

MONTH	NATIONAL
MAY	Walk to school week/ Walk to work week 9th - 15th National Family Week Adult learners week
JUNE	Men's Health Week Child Safety Week Equality & Diversity Awareness Day
JULY	Summer Activity for Kids Deaf awareness week
AUG	National Playday 3rd International Youth day
SEPT	World Car Free Day 22nd World Alzheimer's day
OCT	Walk to School Week Black History Month Breast Cancer Awareness Month Jeans for Genes day National energy saving week
NOV	National Stress Awareness Day Anti - Bullying Week
DEC	International Volunteer Day
2011/2012	DEKAMILE - Please put your thinking caps on to come up with as many fundraising events as possible

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National Charity

Willmott Dixon Partnerships has chosen to adopt "Dekamile" as it's national charity for the next year. Dekamile (which means We Are One in the local language) is giving much needed support to the remote village of Agome-sevah in Togo, West Africa. The village has no electricity, no proper roads, no communications and had no water until Dekamile provided it with a well. WDP have chosen this charity as we want to leave a demonstrable legacy for generations to come in this community, something that you will all be aware is a key part of our culture and values.



So far, a number of schemes have been implemented by the charity including installation of a well and a pump to provide clean water for the first time, a new roof and text books for the school and starting the villagers up with projects including growing bananas, breeding pigs, growing rice plants and providing them with a boat to make them more self sufficient. Above is the school with it's new roof and happy children!



The next challenge that Dekamile is taking on is to modernise the clinic (pictured) in the village. At the moment the village clinic is in desperate need of refurbishment and of new supplies including medical equipment, beds, medication and for training of nurses.



The Clinic is in an appalling state, (on the right is a photo of a bed that is currently in use!) but still has to be used for childbirth and treatment of illnesses. Dekamile have set themselves a goal of raising £20,000 to upgrade the clinic and provide the supplies. The next nearest clinic is 15 miles away and the hospital 50 miles away and the villagers have no means of transport so to have the village clinic refurbished and well stocked will make a massive difference to them.

The main difference with the Dekamile charity is that all money raised goes to the cause, there are no overheads for administration or travel etc. These are all paid for by the trustees themselves so **every penny** we raise will go towards modernising the clinic and making it a safe sanitised place for medical treatment.

We will be running several fund raising events to help Dekamile raise the funds they need. They are the only charity helping this village and to give you an idea of their situation, Haiti is 100% richer. We hope that we can count on every branch to come up with fund raising ideas and events so that we can help Dekamile reach their goal.

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Fred Celebrates 50 Years in the Workplace

Fred Mullis of the Birmingham North branch celebrated 50 years in the workplace this month.

Fred started out as an apprentice Painter and Decorator with Birmingham City Council in 1961. After his five year apprenticeship, Fred qualified and went on to work on the City's tower blocks carrying out cradle painting to the exterior of the buildings and then onto the modernisation programme to void properties in the Winson Green area.

In 1966 Fred met his future wife, Diane, who he married in 1968 and went on to have three daughters with - Anita, Lisa and Tina.

Fred joined the glazing team at Adams Street in 1969 and spent many a happy year there until he moved to the Ryland Street Depot in 1978 to join the Engineers Department working on schools. From here he moved onto the Burcote Road depot and then finally onto College Road in 2000 where he is based today and carries out glazing, damp/mould work and scaffold inspections in addition to any other duties required of him.

Throughout Fred's working life he has seen many changes including when Building Services outsourced their works to contractors and has worked for AWG, Morrison's and now Willmott Dixon Partnerships.

Fred says "I have enjoyed my working life and have been met with many changes and challenges of which I have embraced. I have met many colleagues in my journey, some of which have become great friends. I hope that I can continue to work for as long as possible".

All of us here at WDP would like to congratulate Fred on his 50 years service.

Branch Champion - Shyeene Zaidi-Bere



Rotherham Branch

Congratulations to Steve Arrowsmith, Quantity Surveyor, at the Rotherham branch who has been shortlisted for 'Student of the Year' by the Sheffield & Rotherham Association National Federation of Builders Award.

The Faculty of Technology annual awards will be presented by the Major of Rotherham at a ceremony which takes place on 4 July. We would all like to wish Steve the best of luck on the night.

Branch Champion - Michael Pearson



Helping Local Residents to Bloom

A team of volunteers from Birmingham South have put their green fingers to good use by helping a local sheltered housing scheme spruce up their garden and give the flower beds a makeover. They responded to an appeal from Hasbury Court in Bartley Green to improve the garden facilities, making it more accessible and manageable for the elderly residents.

The team, which included apprentices and office staff, replaced large overgrown bushes with gravel and turf, painting benches, creating raised flower beds and evening out the two gardens at the self contained flat complex.

Beth Maddocks, Chairperson of Hasbury Courts Committee, says, "We know that many of our residents enjoy being in the garden, but until now they have been unable to enjoy it. Many of our residents have mobility problems so were unable to move around safely but now they can. We are very grateful to the help we have received from Willmott Dixon and we are very much looking forward to enjoying our garden for years to come."

Branch Champion - Melanie Checkley



TPAS Awards Success

Congratulations to Pat Fordham, chair of Phoenix Community Housing, who was awarded first place in the Tenant of the Year category at the recent Southern Region TPAS Awards.



Pat is a great grandmother and has now been a voluntary 'community activist' for 22 years, progressing onto numerous housing boards and committees organised by Lewisham Council, including being Chair of the Tenants Strategy Group.

Pat has worked tirelessly for the local community and this has culminated in her chairing the community-led Phoenix Community Housing Association. Her TPAS Award comes hot on the heels of Pat being awarded an MBE for services to Lewisham in this year's New Year's Honours List.

Pat will now join our own Marie Hope, who was awarded TLO of the Year in the Midlands region awards, at the finals held during the annual TPAS Conference and Exhibition in July. We wish them both every success.

Branch Champion - Sam Child

Noise Awareness Week

Noise Action Week is an annual initiative organised by Environmental Protection UK, a national charity that provides expert policy analysis and advice on air quality, land quality, waste and noise and their effects on people and communities in terms of a wide range of issues including public health, planning, transport, energy and climate.

Organisations across the country hold activities as part of Noise Action Week and everybody is urged to:

- Consider the noise they make and the effect it has on others
- Consider the noises that disturb them
- Use practical solutions to everyday noise problems

Hinckley and Burton branches both recognised National Noise Awareness week and the Health and Safety team delivered a presentation to all tradespeople. All attendees were handed out information leaflets and everyone was given a "Wispa" to eat at their leisure. Pictured here are Garry Barker and Gary Payne from Hinckley using their Wispa's as ear plugs!



Branch Champion - Marie Hope

Making a Difference Award

This month sees the launch of our new employee recognition scheme 'Making a Difference'.

The purpose of the scheme is to recognise those who go the extra mile. Everyone can nominate an individual or team who they believe has gone above the call of duty. All you have to do is complete one of the 'Making a Difference' postcards and either hand it in to your Branch Administrator or pop it in the post to Portmill Lane (they are prepaid). You can nominate people anywhere in the business, they don't just have to be in the branch where you work.

Once a month all nominations will be considered by their branch's General Manager and a monthly winner will be selected for every branch. Of these branch monthly winners a national winner will be selected by WDP's Senior Management Team. Each monthly national winner will be interviewed for the Well Done People newsletter.

Finally, of the 12 monthly national winners, there will be an overall annual winner with two runners up. These will be selected in April and presented with their awards at the annual Driving Change conference that takes place every July.

The prizes are £50 for every national monthly winner. For the annual prize the individual or team will be awarded:

1st Prize	£1000
2nd Prize	£750
3rd Prize	£500

We hope to receive lots of nominations every month so make sure you remember to fill out a postcard when someone 'Makes a Difference' to you.

Champion - Emma Storer, HR

