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## Young Enterprise and Old Mutual Wealth launch new programme for school leavers

**'Your Horizon' will help young people aged 18-24**

Young Enterprise and Old Mutual Wealth launched a new programme for school leavers on September 24<sup>th</sup> at VE Loft in London.

The programme, 'Your Horizon', will help young people aged 18-24 by offering guidance and support on employment, self-employment and training opportunities.

The event was hosted by Aaron Ross, founder and CEO of CityHawk, who gave an inspiring introduction to the event, telling his own story of how his journey began with YE and led to him starting his first business at university.

Mr Ross said: "Seeing young people that have done a Young Enterprise project is something that, as an employer, is very reassuring to me."

Guests included UK Youth, Career Camel and Envision, with an expert panel made up of Tracey Hahn; Head of HR for Old Mutual Wealth, Gosbert Chagula; Opportunities Lead at Backr.net, Sabina Hoque-Kousor; Performance Team Leader at Jobcentreplus by DWP and Dan Hooper; Policy Adviser - Education, Skills and Business Support at the Federation of Small Businesses, discussing "The truths and myths of the challenges facing young people entering the workplace, and effective ways to overcome these."

James Eder, Young Enterprise alumnus and founder of The Beans Group gave a talk on opportunities and the importance of being open to new experiences and new people.

Tracey Hahn said: "Old Mutual Wealth supports people that want to make a positive change for themselves, those close to them or society, and the Your Horizon programme is a great example of that.

"It will offer invaluable guidance and support for young people looking to make a difference to their lives.

[www.young-enterprise.org.uk](http://www.young-enterprise.org.uk)

**"We're looking forward to working closely with Young Enterprise to benefit as many young people as possible."**

**Tracey Hahn, Old Mutual Wealth**

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Dan Hooper, policy adviser at the FSB on Education, Skills and Business Support said: "There is more and more self employment happening, and what we need to do – and what this project is all about – is providing the right conditions for that to happen, with the mentorship and the connections.

Your Horizon is for 18-24 year olds that have left, or are leaving education to explore the options available to them.

With an exciting new website launched, Your Horizon offer guidance and support on employment, self employment and training opportunities.

The programme will operate initially in London and Southampton, with free workshops featuring guest speakers on a range of topics, from CV skills, interview practice, and business start ups advice.

The programme website, live at [www.your-horizon.org.uk](http://www.your-horizon.org.uk) from the 24 September, will contain hints, tips and recommendations for young people looking for early opportunities in the world of employment, self-employment or training.

There will also be opportunities for one to one mentorship next year, with funding grants for those planning to start their own business to be announced in summer 2015.

Michael Mercieca, chief executive of Young Enterprise said: "The Your Horizon programme will offer young people vital support as they take the next step after leaving school.

"Together with Old Mutual Wealth we are ensuring these young people are equipped with the right skills for work, supporting and empowering them on their journey into employment."

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## ABOUT...

### Young Enterprise

Young Enterprise is the UK's leading enterprise education charity. Every year we help 250,000 young people aged between 4 and 25 learn about business and the world of work in schools, colleges and universities.

The students do this under the guidance of a network of 5,000 volunteers from 3,500 companies. This year more than 25,000 young people are taking part in our flagship Company Programme.

### Young Enterprise website:

[www.young-enterprise.org.uk](http://www.young-enterprise.org.uk)

Facebook: [/youngenterpriseuk](https://www.facebook.com/youngenterpriseuk)

Twitter: [@youngenterprise](https://twitter.com/youngenterprise)

Youtube: [/youngenterprise](https://www.youtube.com/youngenterprise)

### Your Horizon

Old Mutual Wealth and Young Enterprise believe in the power of young people, and by working in partnership we aim to provide opportunities to learn more about what it means to be successful in business and support them as they seek opportunities to embark on their journey into employment.

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