



## SHINE AWARDS GRANTS WORTH MORE THAN £1.2 MILLION

- *Latest grants bring total awarded by SHINE to more than £10 million in 10 years*
- *Grants will extend proven projects and support new initiatives for underprivileged students in London and Manchester*

**27 July, 2009:** SHINE, the educational charity, has today announced that it has awarded grants worth more than £1.2 million to several educational initiatives in London and Manchester for disadvantaged and challenged 6-16 year olds. These latest grants bring total commitments from SHINE for educational projects to £10.6 million since the charity's launch in 1999.

SHINE funds and develops additional educational initiatives which encourage underachieving school children to raise their academic attainment levels. The charity works in partnership with primary and secondary state schools, the independent sector and world-class universities to develop projects including: intensive one-to-one literacy and numeracy support, Saturday enrichment programmes, homework support and internet-assisted learning.

The grants will expand SHINE's most successful projects into new areas and will also support pilot projects. Jim O'Neill, Head of Global Economic Research at Goldman Sachs and Chairman of SHINE, commented:

*"SHINE has kick-started its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with these latest grants, which highlight our twin track approach of extending successful projects and supporting new initiatives which offer a fresh approach to age-old educational problems such as children leaving primary school with substandard maths and English skills. The projects supported by these grants will offer thousands of students an improved education, ultimately helping them to recognise and realise their full potential."*

The grants were awarded in two stages, in March and June 2009, and will be used to fund a number of different initiatives, including:

- **SHINE on Saturday:** A project providing underachieving children with a creative, practical approach to learning, enriching their weekday curriculum. These most recent grants will fund five projects, including three existing programmes and two new initiatives.

By October 2009, SHINE will have launched 19 'SHINE on Saturday' projects in total.



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- **Serious Fun on Saturdays:** A partnership with top independent schools, which allows children and staff from state schools to utilise their facilities and resources. This provides extra support and a creative approach to teaching for disadvantaged local children. These grants bring the total number of 'Serious Fun on Saturday' projects to 13, involving over 100 schools in total.
- **Ocean Maths:** An award-winning programme\*, providing fun family workshops which use educational games to improve mathematical ability and problem solving skills.
- **City Year:** The UK launch of a successful US project that places 17-24 year olds into schools in low income areas to provide academic support, after-school initiatives and mentoring.
- **Every Child a Chance Trust:** funding to contribute to the further roll out of the highly successful literacy and numeracy initiatives, Every Child a Reader and Every Child Counts.

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#### **ABOUT SHINE**

SHINE (Support and Help IN Education) funds and develops additional educational initiatives which encourage underachieving children and young people to raise their academic attainment levels. SHINE works in partnership with primary and secondary state schools, the independent sector and world-class universities to develop projects including intensive one-to-one literacy and numeracy support, Saturday enrichment programmes, homework support and internet-assisted learning.

SHINE's patrons are: David Beckham, Sarah Brown, Gavyn Davies, Sir Alex Ferguson, Baroness Sarah Hogg, Sir Peter Ogden, Hon. Angad Paul, Prof. Alison Richard, June Sarpong and Dr. Sushil Wadhvani.

SHINE's operating costs are covered by trustees so every penny received goes directly to the projects we fund. Further information on SHINE – including details of all projects currently funded – can be found at [www.shinetrust.org.uk](http://www.shinetrust.org.uk).

#### **2009 Grants were awarded to the following:**



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**SHINE on Saturday:** Mitcham Town Cluster and Rutlish Secondary School, Merton; Richard Atkins School, Lambeth; Preston Manor City Learning Centre, Brent (extension of pilot project); Archbishop Sumner Primary School, Lambeth (extension of existing project); Wendell Park Primary School, Hammersmith and Fulham (extension of existing project).

**Serious Fun on Saturdays:** Park High School, Harrow; The American School in London; Westminster; Eton College, Slough; Bolton School Boys' Division, Bolton; Withington Girls' School, Manchester (extension of existing project).

**Ocean Maths:** The grant extends a one year pilot programme providing tuition for struggling children and their parents at four primary schools in Tower Hamlets. In 2005 it received the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's Educational Award\*.

**City Year:** This project is still in its infancy but will cover schools in Hackney, Islington, Tower Hamlets and the City of London.

**Every Child a Chance Trust:** The grant will help fund further extension of 'Every Child a Reader' and further development and extension of 'Every Child Counts'.

SHINE made further grants to:

- National Literacy Trust to help fund its 'Reading for Life' campaign.
- Entrepreneurs in Action to fund its pilot 'Saturday Entrepreneurship Academy' for 50 underachieving secondary students in Lewisham.

Total value of grants awarded in the first half of 2009: £1,233,925.