

press release

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Top under 35s in the City turn out to support SHINE Futures

Exclusive drinks party to launch SHINE Futures, a new network of under 35s in the City, prompts large turnout

More than 100 City success stories under the age of 35 will attend the launch of SHINE Futures on Wednesday, 15th March at Bloomberg, from 6.30 to 9pm. SHINE Futures is a new and exclusive network of young city professionals, artists, sport stars and creative minds who are looking to support a philanthropic cause. Guests will be treated to cocktails and music, provided by London's top nightclub Aura; and there will be a guided tour of BACKDROP, the current exhibition at Bloomberg SPACE.

The evening will be hosted by the charity SHINE (Support and Help IN Education), with a speech by SHINE's Chairman Jim O'Neill, introduced by SHINE's Patron June Sarpong. SHINE is an educational charity that supports children in London and Manchester to get the most out of school. SHINE has to date supported more than 10,000 children in over 300 schools with innovative, successful educational support programmes.

SHINE's Trustees fund all annual operating costs, so that every penny of every donation goes to fund current and future projects. Their financial skills are used to access the best money management products and expertise for SHINE's endowment.

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Notes for editors:

1. About SHINE
SHINE funds and develops educational programmes to help disadvantaged children make the most of their time at school. These include specialist after school clubs, complementary classes on Saturdays and intensive literacy and numeracy support sessions. Some projects respond to the challenge of children with special educational needs, who require specific help to bring them up to speed. Some help underachievers, where a little more attention will enable them to do much better. And others stretch gifted children who want to see just how good they can really be. For a detailed list of the programmes we currently support, and for more information on SHINE, its Trustees, Patrons and staff, please see: www.shinetrust.org.uk
2. SHINE's Patrons are Sarah Brown, Gavyn Davies, Sir Alex Ferguson, Baroness Sarah Hogg, The Honourable Angad Paul, June Sarpong and Dr Sushil Wadhvani