‘In order to inspire our students to enter Higher Education and professional careers, we need dedicated corporate partners to support us in running our programmes to the highest calibre.’

Dr Rachel Carr
Co-Founder and Chief Executive, IntoUniversity
Who we are

Into University has over 18 years’ experience bringing Higher Education within the reach of students from the UK’s most disadvantaged backgrounds.

We operate our programme of Academic Support, Mentoring, Student Enrichment and aspiration-building FOCUS workshops through a national network of learning centres, located in the heart of disadvantaged communities. Every year, each centre supports at least 1,000 students aged 7-18 and beyond.

We have a model that works, but only if we collaborate effectively with brilliant people and organisations who share our mission. Long-term corporate partnerships represent a unique opportunity to grow our impact and inspire more young people.

Why we are needed

Research shows that young people from disadvantaged backgrounds are:

- 4.5 times less likely to enter university
- 15 times less likely to enter a top university
- 55 times less likely to get to Oxbridge

Our impact

Into University has developed robust systems for evaluating our programmes, positioning us as sector leaders in impact measurement.

- 69% of Into University School Leavers in 2019 progressed to Higher Education
- 26% of students from a similar background nationally.
How we can support you

Bespoke Partnerships

IntoUniversity has a wealth of experience developing bespoke corporate partnerships that are tailored to suit the needs of the company and employees. Through a partnership between yourselves and IntoUniversity we can achieve both your firm’s goals and our mission to realise educational equality.

Our Corporate Partnerships team is best-placed to listen to your interests and identify what you would like to gain from partnering with us. You will have a dedicated relationship manager who will be your main point of contact and ensure that all partnership requirements are met.

Volunteering

Engagement with charities through volunteering can improve your staff’s wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem, which in turn improves their performance.

UBS recently carried out a global employee volunteer survey concluding that:

88% of volunteers felt that volunteering had improved their teamwork and collaboration. 85% commented that volunteering made them feel proud of their firm.

We have a wide range of volunteering opportunities available to engage your staff with the local community.

Mentoring

Become a mentor to our students or staff

FOCUS Programme

Inspire our students by hosting our aspiration-building workshops based around professional careers

Student Enrichment

Provide our students with work experience or internship opportunities

Dave, Careers in FOCUS volunteer at IntoUniversity Southampton West

“My favourite part of volunteering with IntoUniversity is knowing that I am giving back to the community and encouraging children to look to future careers, whether that be in my own field or not. I also like knowing that the time I am giving will hopefully increase aspirations of children and inspire their future pathways.”
There are multiple ways for our corporate partners to support IntoUniversity. The most impactful corporate-charity partnerships are multi-faceted and involve several layers of support.

Choose IntoUniversity as your Charity of the Year partner
Support us financially by providing grants
Fundraise for us
Carry out pro bono work
Become an ambassador for IntoUniversity
Set up Payroll Giving
Provide room space

Gary Attle, Partner, Mills & Reeve LLP

“It has been an immense privilege for Mills & Reeve to support the invaluable work of IntoUniversity. Hopefully in some small way we have helped to raise the aspirations of young people in the UK and also played our part in ensuring that the legal profession is seen as open to everyone, irrespective of background or circumstances. Those of us who have been involved with IntoUniversity in different ways come away singing their praises every time!”
Case studies

UBS has been a key supporter of IntoUniversity and an integral part of our journey since we launched our first business plan in 2007.

Our partnership with UBS is a prime example of IntoUniversity’s ability to tailor our corporate offer to suit the needs of a partner. Due to the size of UBS and the level of support offered by them, we successfully developed and adapted our opportunities to ensure that both organisations made the most of the relationship. Together, we have transformed the lives of the thousands of students and provided enriching experiences to hundreds of UBS staff.

Over the last 13 years, UBS has given generous grant funding, provided crucial strategic support to our senior team and hosted over 50 events for our students. They have also sponsored two gala fundraising events and hosted a series of IntoUniversity thought-leadership seminars. We have provided volunteering opportunities to over 750 UBS staff members, who have donated thousands of hours of their time to support us.

Sarah Craner
Executive Director, Global & EMEA Community Affairs, UBS

I have found IntoUniversity to be a highly trusted and valued partner within UBS’s Community Affairs portfolio. We have been delighted with our partnership to date and would fully endorse the model, the professionalism of their approach, and the wholly positive impact they have had on the lives of disadvantaged young people.

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Ochuko, IntoUniversity Walworth alumni

They say it takes a village to move a mountain, for many of us that mountain is the lack of sufficient role models, it’s a lack of access or opportunity, it’s the absence of the belief that we belong in certain places. And bit by bit, IntoUniversity along with their village of students, sponsors and tireless advocates is working hard to move those mountains.

Through IntoUniversity I have learnt what it means to be a professional. Their programmes have really broadened my horizons, nurturing my self-worth while simultaneously growing my commercial awareness. The ability to transport pupils from schools like mine to professional offices goes a long way in steering us in a positive direction.
If you are interested in partnering with us, the Corporate Partnerships team would be delighted to explore your targets and initiatives with you.

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