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Our volunteer mentors come from every walk of life, age group and type of organisation. Over 40% are male helping young people who lack a male role model. There are as many under 35 years of age as over 65 with the majority at the peak of their careers. Every profession and job is represented.

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We Need You

Join our community of committed volunteer mentors who donate an hour a week during school hours. Putting a young person first is the only qualification you need, we will provide all the training and support.

Or can your organisation help? Become a Partner who encourages and supports staff to become mentors. Pioneering Partners go further and engage directly with the young people to provide tasters, experiences and opportunities.

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