



## VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

### **TITLE: BMS AND THE LLOYD'S COMMUNITY PROGRAMME**

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We have been involved with the Lloyd's Community Programme for a number of years now. We are very, very close to a very kind of wealthy part of the City, but we have got some boroughs around in the City which are very deprived, and it is just a way of those involved with the Lloyd's Community trying, as I say, to put something back.

There are mentoring programmes preparing students to get into work and ways to help them; mentoring programmes actually for head teachers, a lot of people within the community. You can get involved in sports events, either by coaching or helping organise or taking an active role in them.

My original involvement was becoming a governor at a local school within Tower Hamlets. I had had ten years' previous experience at a school that both my daughters went to, a primary school. They had left for some time so my period of tenure came to an end there, so I had had all of these years and years of experience of being a school governor.

Here in the Lloyd's Community people talking about how we can get involved, I thought, 'Well, why not become a governor of a local school?', so I applied there and I have been a Governor at Old Ford Primary School now for probably getting on for four years.

How BMS first got involved with the Reading Partners Scheme was one night after a very long Governors' Meeting at the school where I am a Governor, I was just talking to the Head Teacher and asked her, 'Is there any way that maybe my employers could help out at the school?', and she said, 'Well, funnily enough, yes there is. We are currently looking for some new reading volunteers for some of our pupils in Year 6. All it would need is one lunch time a week, we are looking for about five or six volunteers and that would be of great benefit'.

The next day I came straight back into work and that was the start of the Reading Scheme. We are wrapped up in our daily lives and the pressures of work in a commercial field all day and every day, but just trying to use some of the skills you pick up, or even your time and energy, hopefully to being of assistance and to be of help for someone totally outside the commercial world is a fantastic, very, very rewarding experience.