

Youth Advisory Panel, September 2009

Young people are at the heart of what we do. They review programmes, recruitment, 120 of them run our banks and hundreds more run their own enterprises with our help.

Twenty sit on the MyBnk Youth Advisory Panel and Ali is one of those members who help make financial and enterprise education exciting, relevant and accessible.

Ali is 19 and from Tottenham. He met MyBnk whilst attending a Prince's Trust course at City of Westminster College.



*"I really enjoy working at MyBnk and know that it looks good on my CV"*

At the time we were running a MyBnk-in-a-Box saving and lending scheme at the school – Ali signed up to help run it.

*"Being part of the bank taught me a lot. I learnt about saving, budgeting and how to open-up a bank account. It also helped me to communicate better with people."*

Ali finished his course in April and approached MyBnk's founder Lily Lapenna to see if he could do some work experience at the charity's offices.

*"As well as helping out with sales, events and research projects I am also a member of MyBnk's Youth Advisory Panel (YAP), which means I advise them on things like the design of their marketing and website material."*

Ali wants to be a Personal Trainer and in September starts studying for a Fitness Instructor Award.

*"I'm really excited about the course. MyBnk has offered me a lot of support; some of the team even use me as their own personal trainer. My experience at MyBnk has given me the confidence to work anywhere."*

