



Youth unemployment and disengagement at 16 is one of the major issues facing the UK today with one in five 16-24 year olds currently unemployed - a staggering 20.3% of the UK unemployment rate – we are perilously close to creating a ‘lost generation’.

The Inspire and Achieve Foundation passionately believes that everyone has the right to an education and in today's Big Society we can no longer afford to deny disadvantaged young people the opportunity to grow and progress into the adults they want and deserve to be. Education has the power to transform lives, however, this can no longer be achieved through Government funding alone or a reliance on the public purse.

The focus of the Foundation has been to support the work undertaken at West Nottinghamshire College's Ashfield Centre. The Ashfield Centre is a unique specialist facility offering vocational courses at entry/level 1 and a bespoke individual support service and network for each learner – encouraging and empowering underprivileged and disadvantaged young people to return to education and ultimately to fulfil their aspirations. The Centre has had an incredible impact on the Ashfield community. Since opening in 2007 it has seen almost 250 young people progress to other education or work and continues to excel as a model of good practice.

Whilst the Centre has been a resounding success it has limited space and resources and can only reach a relatively small number of young people when you consider the scale of the problem. The Foundation has therefore set itself an ambitious goal to build, staff and support a second centre.

An Inspirational Fund-raising Evening

On Thursday 30th June 2011, the Inspire and Achieve Foundation will be holding their second annual Gala Fund-raising Dinner in the impressive Long Room at Lord's Cricket Ground. Last year's event was a huge success and we are aiming for this year to be even bigger and better with celebrated key note speakers from the world of cricket, an auction of individual and one-off lots, an exquisite three-course meal and an opportunity to mix with key figures from a host of sectors and industries all in the sumptuous surroundings of Lord's – a must for all cricket-lovers.

After Dinner Speaker – **Darren Gough**

One of England's most prolific cricketers, a right-arm fast bowler for Yorkshire and then Essex, Darren made his England debut in 1994. In a varied career, Darren was also a winner in the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing.

Key Note Speaker – **Mike Gatting OBE**

One of England's finest and most respected batsmen during the 1980s and 1990s, Mike represented his country 79 times at test cricket, 23 times as captain and led England to Ashes victory in the 1986-1987 season. Since his retirement Mike has worked as a coach and commentator and is currently Managing Director of Cricket Partnerships at the England and Wales Cricket Board.

MCs

The evening will be introduced by the former Indian test cricketer, **Farokh Engineer** and MCd by **Roger Dakin**.

“We all have a role to play in making sure that everyone in our communities makes a full and positive contribution.”

Asha Khemka OBE

Founder, the Inspire and Achieve Foundation

Tickets and Sponsorship Packages

You can support this worthy cause and enjoy an evening of cricket entertainment in a number of ways. By purchasing one of three sponsorship packages, securing a table of 10 people for the evening or simply buying a ticket.

Tickets sold and money raised on the evening will contribute towards the Foundation's fund-raising efforts to make a real difference to young people's lives.

Option 1

I would like to purchase one of the following sponsorship packages (please tick as appropriate):

- **Package 1 - Platinum Sponsor:**
For a contribution of £12,000 the Foundation will offer your organisation preferential marketing and company logos displayed predominantly in all literature relating to the event. Platinum sponsors will also be given two VIP tables each seating 10 guests and be offered a full page feature article on your organisation to be included in the event programme. Your organisation will also maintain an affiliation with the Inspire and Achieve Foundation for 1 year, demonstrating your corporate commitment to tackling this important issue.
- **Package 2 - Gold Sponsor:**
For a contribution of £7,500 the Foundation will offer your organisation 2nd preference on logos and marketing. They will also offer a VIP table seating 10 guests along with continued brand affiliation for 6 months. The Foundation will also offer a ½ page advertisement for your organisation within the event programme.
- **Package 3 - Silver Sponsors:**
For a contribution of £5,000 the Foundation will offer your organisation 3rd preference on logos and marketing along with a VIP table seating 10 guests.

Option 2

I would like to purchase a table for 10 people (please indicate) _____ at a cost of £2,000

I would like to purchase a half table for 5 people (please indicate) _____ at a cost of £1,000

Option 3

I would like to purchase _____ places at a cost of £250 per ticket.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____



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