



Dan Snow says “sign me up”

The Volunteer Centre Sutton, was proud to welcome British television presenter and historian, Dan Snow last month as he commenced his support of the ever growing MAPS- the mentoring arm of the Volunteer Centre Sutton.

Dan Snow, who many will recognise as the son of Peter Snow, first came across MAPS at last year’s Centre for Social Justice awards evening, where Chief Officer, Adam Knuckey proudly collected the prestigious CSJ award for the work MAPS carries out in the local community. After presenting the award, Dan Snow was keen to sign himself up to be part of the mentoring project and has committed to becoming MAPS’ first ever ‘Momentor!’

“Whats a momentor?” I hear you ask, well contrary to popular belief it is not something from Harry Potter, but rather a route into the project for gifted individuals, celebrities, public figures or leaders in their field, who otherwise would not be able to commit to weekly volunteer mentoring. The big idea is that these individuals commit to meeting with a mentoring pair (Volunteer mentor and young person) 2-3 times a year to inspire and add *momentum* to the years mentoring, hence the label Momentor!

The Momentor will provide a unique experience for the mentoring pair and momentors will be specifically matched to a young person who may share some kind of aspiration relating to that momentors field of expertise. In the case of Dan Snow, we handpicked James and Joe (pictured) to hang with him at their favourite Chinese restaurant! James (young person) has a passion for history and so was able to discuss and debate moments in history from World War 1 to modern day history in the making, such as the riots in Egypt. Dan Snow encouraged Joe and James not to look at history as old lessons learnt but rather as something that is current and constantly taking new shapes each and every day.

Dan Snow will next be meeting James and Joe to offer a fantastic behind the scenes look at the Imperial War Museum, where they will visit artifacts and displays not available to the general public. Joe commented “Dan was very friendly; James enjoyed himself and was chatting away to him [Dan] all evening! We’re looking forward to our next trip to the war museum.”

The Volunteer Centre Sutton is so grateful to all who walk through our door to say “Sign me up” and would publically like to express our thanks to Dan Snow for giving up his time to make a real difference.

If you would like to become a volunteer then why not say “Sign me up” on April 16th, when the Volunteer Centre Sutton will be launching its “Sign me up” Campaign in Sutton as its response to the ‘European Year of the Volunteer’. Watch this space for more details...