

## Funding and Information News – February 2010

### Team Building

Stockton and Bexley Councils have recently benefited from a teambuilding day run by KRL. The day long activity consisted of an interactive communication skills session in the morning and a riproaring K'NEX robot wars team activity based on Belbin's Team Roles theory in the afternoon. Staff attending said "It was a great day and I would recommend it to other authorities". For further information contact Karen Routledge on 07745291718



### Reading Champions

Reading Champions is a unique way for both primary and secondary schools to get more of their boys enjoying reading. Schools invite boys who are influential among pupils to become Reading Champions. These Reading Champions encourage other boys to get into reading by running positive reading activities and promotions following the reading champions framework. Reading Champions can be nominated via the website for bronze, silver and then gold awards which provide recognition for their achievements and help to keep them motivated. Reading Champions is funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families and is free for schools to join. To register and receive your welcome email and toolkit go to <http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/Campaign/Champions/about1.html>

### The Science Museum

The Science Museum have added five new activities to their range of free classroom resources. Including, *Robot Bug*, *Bath Fizzers*, *Marshmallow Madness*, *Soap Challenge* and *SOS 'Save Our Snacks'* aimed at KS2, KS3 and KS4. Teachers can download them for free from [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/educatorsresources](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/educatorsresources)

They have also launched *Mystery Boxes*, a complete lesson that helps teach key elements of How Science Works though a compelling practical activity for KS3 and KS4 students. Including a DVD, a PowerPoint presentation and student observation sheets, for £35. [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/mysteryboxes](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/mysteryboxes)

### Media-Box

Mediabox is a fund that offers disadvantaged 13 – 19 year olds the opportunity to create their own media projects. They offer grants from £500 - £40,000.

#### Mini Mediabox

##### Grants from £1,000–£5,000

Mini-Mediabox is for grassroots and community organisations with a relatively small turnover.

#### Mid Mediabox

##### Grants from £5,000–£20,000

A mid-level grant open to established youth organisations that may or may not have delivered media projects in the past.

Details for all grants are available at [www.media-box.co.uk](http://www.media-box.co.uk)

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