

# Press Release



## **Marks and Spencer Brixton Runner-up for Achievement Award**

The Brixton branch of Marks and Spencer has been chosen as runner-up for an Award for Achievement by employment charity Tomorrow's People.

The M&S branch was named as runner-up in the category 'Employer of the Year', for helping the long-term unemployed get back to work.

A representative of the company attended the Tomorrow's People annual Awards for Achievement at Plaisterers' Hall in central London Tuesday evening. The Awards for Achievement pay tribute to people who have overcome significant barriers in their quest to get back to work and to partner organisations that deserve special recognition for their support. The 'Employer Of The Year Award' is awarded to an organisation which has played a role in furthering the work of Tomorrow's People.

Brixton Marks & Spencer have been working with the Tomorrow's People Advisors for four months on a work experience programme, with the objective of helping to train staff in the local community. The programme operates with Marks & Spencer taking on twenty five people per month-20 sales assistants and 5 warehouse staff, over a period of six weeks.

Stores in Balham, South Clapham, Greenwich and the City are now also participating after the Brixton branch introduced the programme to them.

The initiative provides six weeks of training for those who take part, which enhances their employability skills, as well as giving them the opportunity to apply for positions within M&S stores throughout the U.K.

Tomorrow's People is a national charity, with a 23-year track record of success in helping people out of long-term unemployment, welfare dependency, and into jobs and self-sufficiency.

Since 1984, the charity has helped change the lives of more than 400,000 people across the UK who had been resigned to long-term, even life-long, unemployment.

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