

Pitney Bowes Wins Achievement Award

Office technology provider, Pitney Bowes, based in Canary Wharf, has won an award for achievement for helping the long-term unemployed get back into work.

The Tomorrow's People Awards for Achievement pay tribute to people who have overcome significant barriers in their quest to get back to work and partner organisations that deserve special recognition for their support. Representatives of Pitney Bowes attended the annual awards ceremony at Plaisterers' Hall in central London Tuesday evening, where they collected their award. The organisation won the 'Employer of the Year' category, which is awarded to those who has helped further the work of Tomorrow's People.

Pitney Bowes provides work placements for individuals who have been supported by the charity's employment programme. Tomorrow's People offers a range of one-to-one confidential services to help the long-term unemployed including cv writing advice, confidence building and interview techniques. The charity then liaises with Pitney Bowes to provide job-ready, hand-matched candidates for suitable work placements.

Individuals spend a two-week period gaining work experience, training and mentoring with the Pitney Bowes. After that period, there are three scenarios. The individual may be offered a position within the organisation, or their details kept on file, whilst awaiting a suitable vacancy. If the individual is found unsuitable for a position, then they still have two weeks of work experience with a large organisation to add to their CV.

Kingsley Mbajuwa, Tomorrow's People Employment Adviser said: "Much of our success is due to the invaluable support of a wide range of corporations which provide work placements, job vacancies, mentoring or funding. Pitney Bowes has shown, over a seven year period, their commitment to giving the long-term unemployed a second chance. During the period April 2006 - April 2007 they provided sixteen work placements for individuals, which has led to ten people gaining full time work within the organisation, literally turning lives around."

Pitney Bowes has said: "This partnership allows people to see what the job is like and also allows us to make sure they're the right candidate. Tomorrow's People helps to ease our recruitment requirements by offering local candidates who are trained and job-ready, helping us to sustain a prosperous business environment."

Any employers who would like to get in touch and find out more about how they can help Tomorrow's People support the long-term unemployed, please contact Abi Levitt at



Tomorrow's People by telephoning 07789 688544 or email alevitt@tomorrows-people.co.uk.

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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