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- Actively promote and support opportunities for our staff to volunteer as mentors, speakers, and governors, targeting educational institutions/young people with above average levels of disadvantage.
- To demonstrate our commitment to institutions and young people, take a strategic approach offering:
 - a multi-pronged approach for example, mentoring and work experience together;
 - o sustained relationships;
 - the possibility, where feasible, of a pathway into the company/profession.
- Where we have presence across the UK, we offer outreach in all areas and/or use ementoring to broaden our reach.

Robustly evaluate the effectiveness of our interventions

- Advertise internships openly and formally, and provide work experience placements beyond our personal connection.
- Pay all interns at least the NMW and where possible above. Seek to provide financial assistance for those doing work experience if they are not entitled to the minimum wage.
- Put all applicants through a standard application process & adhere to best practice in managing both internships and placements.
- Where we have presence across the UK, we commit to offering work placements in all areas

 Make recruitment social mobility friendly, including advertising all entry level roles and making them available to as wide a group as possible.

- Offer well-structured non-graduate entry routes:
- providing opportunity to attain parity with graduate entrants;
- including qualification and skills which are recognised by other employers.
- Proactively seek ways to ensure nondiscrimination in recruitment processes, including:
 - considering grades and academic achievement in the context of the school or college attended;
 - widening university recruitment, beyond the most selective universities;
 - ouse of school/university blind recruitment.

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- Develop a clear annual plan for organisation, for monitoring of social mobility and plans to promote social mobility
- Monitor the socio-economic background of new entrants into our company (collecting data such as family income and educational background).
- Survey the socio-economic background of our current employees.
- Examine our recruitment processes to see at what stage candidates from particular backgrounds fall down.
- Publish data on existing employee backgrounds in meaningful categories.
- Our tender documents ask bidders about their actions to promote social mobility.
- Set out clear annual plans for improvement/expansion of our work to promote social mobility.

- Identified a senior leader to report internally on company's progress and advocate externally.
- Assist with the organisation of the SMBC, for example:
- Organise a network breakfast;
- Organise and /or provide support to regional and local events and networks:
- Contribute to the SMBC website, providing case studies, good practice guidance and other useful information.
- Work with other Champions to build a strong network of members, and to support members to implement good practice
- Work with other Champions to develop a simple reporting tool that all SMBC signatories will be prepared to complete, to record their progress on social mobility issues.