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## THE STATIONERS' FOUNDATION CELEBRATES FUNDING OVER £250,000 ANNUALLY TO EDUCATION

Over £250,000 is donated and awarded annually to projects and individuals through the Stationers' Foundation's 'Staircase of Opportunity.'

The Foundation is hosting a festival at the newly refurbished Stationers' Hall, on Tuesday 25th April 2023 to showcase their beneficiaries' achievements through an evening of music and film. At the festival, current and prior beneficiaries will share their experiences and how best to get involved. Student Nyla Maaruf received a major award for higher education in 2019 and told us, 'Receiving the major award gave me the opportunity to finish what I started but also to finish it well, which opened the doors to all the opportunities I have received since.' Another recipient of the award in 2018, Kate Marriott, told us, 'Receiving the award has utterly changed my life.'

The Foundation is a charity that provides financial and practical support for young people through their school, college and university careers, in particular those seeking to enter and advance in the content and communications industries.

This broad remit ensures the Foundation's impact varies from improving literacy levels at primary age to supporting young adults to gain the technical and professional skills that lead to employment in the sectors in which The Stationers' Company has played a central role over the centuries such as printing, publishing, design and graphics, data science and archive management.

Each 'tread' of the Staircase of Opportunity supports a different group of individuals. Projects include funding two Saturday Schools for primary level pupils and a media centre at the Stationers' Crown Woods Academy, both in London; sponsorship of the nationwide Shine School Media Awards; and providing mentoring and financial assistance across a range of apprenticeships, academic scholarships, and postgraduate bursaries.

Gerard Heanue, Chair of The Stationers' Foundation, told us, 'The Stationers' Company's involvement in training and education began over 600 years ago, supporting the development of apprenticeships in our industries. Today, the support the Foundation provides could be for education, training or welfare and is vital for making opportunities in our industries possible for those who otherwise wouldn't be able to access them.'

Heanue continued, 'We're looking forward to celebrating the success of our beneficiaries and their superb work, as well as saying thank you to our partners, donors, and supporters. Charitable work has long been part of the City of London livery companies' work. In today's challenging economic environment there is a continuous and growing need for the support we provide to young people. The Stationers are proud to continue this important tradition.'

If you would like to secure a press ticket to attend the Foundation Festival celebration on 25th April, 6pm-9pm, please contact Lucie McCord at [events@stationers.org](mailto:events@stationers.org), or 020 7246 0988.

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If you are interested in partnering with or supporting The Stationers' Foundation, please contact Pamela Butler, Administrator, on [foundation@stationers.org](mailto:foundation@stationers.org), or 020 7246 0982.

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**About the Stationers' Foundation:** The Stationers' Foundation offers a range of practical and financial support to assist people to enter and advance in the content and communications industries.

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