

TPAT and LMA launch outreach programmes to stimulate pension interest

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The Pensions Archive Trust and The London Metropolitan Archive have launched a range of educational outreach programmes in a bid to stimulate interest in pensions and saving for retirement.

The outreach initiatives includes a "money matters" lesson plan for secondary school children - which utilises a range of items of historic interest from the archive, including a letter by Florence Nightingale writing about her pension on her return from the Crimean War.

This lesson plan - developed by former teacher and LMA interpretations team member Deborah Jarman - also includes a board game called "Futureshock", which is played in a similar way to Monopoly but relates purely to pensions and investment.

In addition, TPAT advisory committee member and Capita Hartshead associate consultant Daniel Bescoby has developed a national schools competition for pupils aged between 16 and 18 years-old called "2020 Vision".

Pupils will be invited to present campaign ideas to encourage people in 2020 to prepare for the future through innovative savings and investment strategies - and will have the chance to win prizes donated by Capita Hartshead both for themselves and for their school.

TPAT chairman Alan Herbert said this competition was being run as a pilot basis in 2009/10 but said he hoped to roll it out more widely in following years.

The Pensions Archive Trust is a cross-industry group which was formed to collate and preserve historical documents relating to the UK pensions industry. Its archive is housed in the London Metropolitan Archives.

Further information on these initiatives can be obtained by e-mailing the LMA at ask.lma@cityoflondon.gov.uk.