

# Women in Property O2 Roadshow

## School students turn property developer at the O2

On a snowy day in January, Lorraine Hughes and Angela Nelson of PDR London, spent a day with 110 Year 10 students from the Lilian Baylis Technology School in Lambeth to help with giving them an insight into the world of property, design and construction, when they took part in a workshop at the Matter nightclub in the O2, arranged by Women in Property (WiP).

After a tour of the nightclub students were placed in groups and tasked by the nightclub owners to develop a design, and then plan and cost the fit-out of the nightclub's VIP area, culminating in students presenting their ideas to a panel of judges and prizes being awarded to the winning team.

WiP organises the workshop as it gives school children first hand experience of a variety of jobs within the property and construction industry and develop other skills such as team building, decision making and presentation skills.



Lilian Baylis head teacher, Gary Phillips said: "Our students get real value from the workshops and have great fun at the same time. Most of them come from very poor backgrounds and have little or no contact with graduates and professionals. The day gave our students the opportunity to find out what it was like to be a graduate professional and to understand a range of job roles within the property industry. Events such as these make a huge difference to our

students. They create and nurture ambition and raise aspirations."

This is the third time that the workshop has been organised by Women in Property with Fabric - the owners of Matter Nightclub. Sponsors included Schools around the World, GVA Grimley and Indigo and Berwin Leighton Paisner.

