

## Another successful year for the Channel Islands Student Business Challenge

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Teams taking part in the annual Channel Islands Student Business Challenge have donated nearly £6,500 to charity after another fantastic competition.

The figure was revealed last night at the awards ceremony marking the end of the 2017 event, which saw around 250 students aged between 11 and 16 take part in 74 teams spanning Jersey and Guernsey.

Ogier was once again one of the headline sponsors of the challenge, and Global Managing Partner Edward Mackereth said that the 15 mentors from the law firm who helped to guide and support the teams had once again been impressed by the dedication and creativity of the teams.

The teams support by Ogier's mentors created a range of products for sale from wooden signs with Guernsey patois phrases to homemade sushi – but one team, coached by Group Learning and Development Manager Ben Phelps, made shelters for solitary bees. The Bee Safe team won the Overall Community Award at last night's event.

"This is a great initiative and we are pleased to be supporting it again," said Edward.

"Every year the mentors come back enthused by the hard work that these young people put into the challenge, and by their creativity.

"These students should be proud of their efforts, and we should all be proud that they are prepared to give so much of the proceeds to charity."

Each team was given a loan of £100 to start their business and two months in which to raise as much money as possible. The 40 teams in Jersey collectively generated revenues of nearly £30,000.

Participating schools from Jersey are Grainville, Haute Vallee, Jersey College for Girls and Victoria College and from Guernsey are Grammar, La Mare de Carteret and St Sampson's High School.

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