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In Brief

Lawyer becomes region's first family arbitrator

LAW: A Beverley-based lawyer has become the region's first legal expert to qualify as a family law arbitrator.

Mark Carlton achieved the accolade under the newly launched family law arbitration scheme.

He is the senior partner at Cooper Wilkin Chapman and undertook rigorous training and assessment before becoming a qualified family law arbitrator and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

There are 36 in the UK, but Mark is the first in East Yorkshire.

He said: "For couples who are separating, arbitration can take away the stress of lengthy court battles and be a much more cost-effective solution. It is a relatively swift, fair and flexible procedure with each couple agreeing to appoint their own arbitrator to help guide them through the process."

Got a new business idea?

EVENTS: People from Hull and East Yorkshire with a vision for a new enterprise could see their dreams become reality.

A new service is being introduced to root out innovators and provide them with help and encouragement to turn their ideas into real-life business ventures.

An event is taking place on Friday at The Octagon Centre in Hull to launch the Yorkshire Enterprise Club.

Lord Haskins will be giving advice about the new service for people who wish to start a business - either now or in the future.

The day will start at 10.30am and conclude with a buffet lunch at 1pm.

To book, e-mail ro.southandeastyorkshire@fsb.org.uk or call 0114 2617132.

Supporting green day

RENEWABLES: Ethical Hull company Bio-D has been invited to join in Hornsea School and Language College's second Green Britain Day conference on Friday.

MP Graham Stuart will also be speaking.



BACKING: Photographer Thomas Arram, 18, has been supported by the John Cracknell Youth Enterprise Bank.

Businesspeople of the future get funding help

EAST YORKS: Grants on offer will grow young entrepreneurs' ideas

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YOUNG entrepreneurs are being urged to apply for funding to help transform their business dreams into reality.

The John Cracknell Youth Enterprise Bank offers practical support and grants of up to £1,000 for 13 to 21-year-olds who need finance to set up or develop their businesses.

InShort

A fund designed to help young people develop their business ideas is looking for new applicants.

Since it was established in 2003, the bank has helped more than 150 young entrepreneurs across a wide range of business sectors.

However, it is now urging young entrepreneurs to apply for support

after the number of applicants to the fund dwindled.

Maureen Foers OBE, chair of the John Cracknell Youth Enterprise Bank, said: "Hull has a long history of producing some very entrepreneurial young people and while we don't think their ideas or drive have slowed down, we think there's a lack of awareness that funding is available."

The bank is funded through a range of donations from entrepreneurs, together with Hull Training.

It is also closely linked to the Hull Youth Enterprise Partnership, which aims to encourage young people to become more enterprising and contribute to Hull City Council's target of creating 1,200 new businesses.

The bank's funding also recently received a funding boost from KC, which has donated £60,000 to the bank's coffers over three years.

Mrs Foers said: "Thanks to our supporters and our recent partnership with KC, we're on hand to not only offer financial support but also practical help with developing business ideas."

Photographer Thomas Arram, 18, is one of those who has benefited.

He said: "The support from the Youth Enterprise Bank has been amazing."

"It has provided me with the confidence to start and run my own business."

In addition to receiving advice and business support, Thomas also recently received a grant from the bank to enable him to grow his business.

He said: "The grant will further allow me to build my confidence in running a business and provide the extra support needed."

"It will allow me to advance my business through building a commercial and professional website, and allows me to invest in new camera equipment that will enable me to improve my work and offer a greater range of services."

Sean Royce, commercial and finance director at KC, said: "The Hull Youth Enterprise Partnership has supported hundreds of young people to start their own businesses - they have a fantastic track record."

"In tough economic times it's important that entrepreneurs are supported to help our economy recover, grow and develop."

Up to £1,000 to make dreams become a reality

THE John Cracknell Youth Enterprise Bank offers grants of up to £1,000 for local people aged up to and including 21 years old.

Designed for individuals or groups who need finance to help make their idea happen, the bank also offers practical help and support.

To date, more than 155 young people from



IN BLOOM: Amanda Hartley, of Amanda's Blue Orchid florists.

Hull and the East Riding have benefited from the fund, buying everything

from computers and stationery to chocolate-making equipment and clothing.

Hessie florist Amanda's Blue Orchid and health food and smoothie firm Xing are just two of the many ventures that have been supported by the fund.

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