

Supporting the future

John Agnew, group managing director of the GGF, has committed the support of the organisation to the *Inspiring The Future* campaign being promoted by Building Our Skills alongside the Education and Employers Charity.

Inspiring The Future has been designed to connect young people with the world of work by engaging volunteers from industry to visit schools and share details of the specific sectors they work in, including career opportunities. It is seen by Building Our Skills as key in helping to acquaint school age children and their teachers with the fenestration, glass and glazing industry, and to communicate to them the broad range of job roles and career paths it offers.

The campaign connects volunteers to state primary and secondary schools via the education and employers match-making platform. Volunteers are asked to give just one hour a year to the programme, although they can choose to do more if they wish to help inspire children. The first step is for them to register their interest on the Building



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Our Skills website and complete a very simple application form. Teachers who have signed their schools up to the programme can see details of volunteers local to them and then invite them to talk to their school about the job they do and the industry they do it in. □

Paint it pink, for Kelly

When composite door supplier DoorCo created The Pink Range, they pledged a proportion of sales would be donated to We Mind & Kelly Matters, the industry charity they champion. Just ahead of MD Dan Sullivan's participation in the charity's The Loneliest Road challenge, DoorCo is delighted to announce that donations from sales of pink doors have reached £3124.50.

Dan Sullivan, DoorCo MD says: "We Mind & Kelly Matters is a charity close to our hearts at DoorCo. We had a close working relationship with Kelly Hewitt, who sadly took her own life in 2018 at just 24 years old. When we heard her father John Hewitt, The Glazerite Group chairman, set up a charity in her name to help raise awareness of mental health and prevent suicide, we promised to do anything we could to support them.

"In 2020 DoorCo created an exclusive collection of four pink doors, with four new shades of pink, coordinating pink glass designs and the Rose Gold Sweet hardware from Brisant. Pink was Kelly's favourite colour so we dedicated the

Hobbs keynote for summit

William Hobbs, chief investment officer for Barclays Wealth Management and Investments, has been announced as a keynote speaker at the Glazing Summit.

Hobbs, who has a masters in international business and economics from the University of London, leads the team focused on investment strategy and, as previous head of investment strategy for Barclays UK, has also covered the global consumer sector.

He will be sharing his views on the outlook for the UK economy. Andrew Scott, Glazing Summit founder, says: "As a frequent contributor of economic insight to Bloomberg, CNBC and many other media outlets, Will brings his deep insights to the Glazing Summit and will share his views on the economic outlook and what the road ahead may look like for UK business.

"To have the top man at Barclays Investments on stage this year is fantastic. It will be a hugely interesting



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keynote and one that is not to be missed."

The annual one-day conference returns to Edgbaston Stadium, Birmingham on Tuesday, October 18th with 20 expert speakers and a host of dynamic keynote speakers discussing the significant issues facing the industry and the UK economy.

The event is expected to attract more than 400 industry leaders and business owners from across the glass and glazing sector. □



collection to her, pledging to donate 20% of all door blank sales to We Mind & Kelly Matters to support the cause. We are absolutely delighted that donations have exceeded £3000, especially just before I am about to embark on the USA leg of the charity's The Loneliest Road challenge." □