

About the BNI Foundation®

The BNI Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving educational opportunities for children around the world.

Founded in 1998 by Elisabeth and Dr. Ivan Misner, we have raised millions of dollars to support educational needs and inspire children to achieve a brighter future. The BNI Foundation provides much more than the monetary funding of programs – we connect people who care with their local communities where they are needed.

Our mission is to lead a global movement of businesspeople who fund educational programs and volunteer time to prepare children for a promising future.

The two pillars of the BNI Foundation are firstly money - Givers Gain® Grants, which are generally for \$1,000 or the local equivalent, are funded through donations received. They are available to support educational organizations which make a lasting impact on the future of their students. The Misner Endowment Fund also ensures financial support for the BNI Foundation for years to come.

And secondly, we have our Business Voices™ program.

What is Business Voices™?

Business Voices projects focus on how BNI Members, Directors, and Chapters can use their time, talent, knowledge, and experience to help children in the communities in which they live and work. Through Business Voices, children can learn business and networking skills vital to their success as adults. Typical projects include mentoring, career days, the renovation of classrooms, provision of IT-infrastructure etc. – and since 2022 Future Leaders Week!

Business Voices Teams can be initiated by any BNI member in any chapter around the world.

What is Future Leaders Week?

Future Leaders Week (FLW) is a global initiative of the BNI Foundation. Young people today are faced with complex career decisions. FLW is a simple way for BNI professionals to offer young people aged 15-18 career orientation advice within their local community as they prepare for their future careers.

Each year during the 3rd week in October, we encourage Chapters to engage with a local school, showcasing the way BNI teams work together.

After the Weekly Meeting, volunteer Members remain in the school to talk and answer questions about their chosen professions. If the school cannot accommodate the Meeting in its regular day, this career orientation can take place at another mutually convenient time and place.