

# FUND FINANCE FRIDAY

## Opportunities with the FFA

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The Fund Finance Association (FFA) announced several new initiatives at the 4th Annual European Fund Finance Symposium last week. The Diversity Initiative, led by Natasha Puri of Lloyds Bank, is hosting its kickoff event at Baruch College in New York City this month. The event includes a “What is Fund Finance?” presentation and networking reception for the students. The Diversity Initiative is looking for leadership in Europe and committee members on both sides of the pond.

Also on tap is a “Next Generation” initiative for young professionals, championed by Billal Malik of Citibank, N.A., in London. The group will focus on networking, education, and mentoring for fund finance professionals and is eager to get an inaugural event planned and scheduled. Committee members and “day of” contributors are needed.

Finally, the FFA requested nominations for the 2019 Julian Black Contribution to the Industry Award and the Dee Dee Sklar Women in Fund Finance Award. Nomination forms will be available from the FFA in the immediate future. David Wasserman of Morgan Stanley has agreed to lead the selection committee.

If you're interested in getting involved with any of the FFA initiatives or committees, e-mail Liz Carroll at [licarroll@sequence-events.com](mailto:licarroll@sequence-events.com) and she will get you connected.