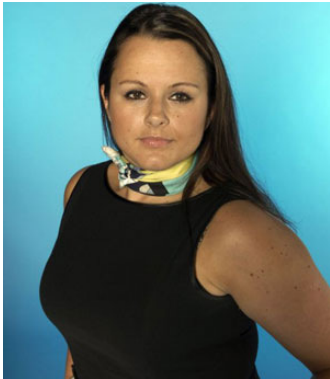




Claire Young



Claire Young was a 29 year-old senior retail buyer from Tooting in South London when she entered The Apprentice series 4. The multi-award-winning series ran for 12 weeks on BBC One , as no-nonsense, self-made millionaire Sir Alan Sugar returned to challenge a new group of 16 aspiring tycoons, who battled it out in the toughest challenges of their lives.

In the first week of The Apprentice, Claire Young was team leader for the women and their side won. In week 4 of The Apprentice, Claire received a tongue-lashing from Sir Alan Sugar and was made team leader in week 5. Her team won.

Claire reached the final of The Apprentice series 4, which unusually featured four candidates. Claire and Lee McQueen beat their rivals Alex Wotherspoon and Helene Speight in the final, but Sir Alan Sugar chose Lee over Claire.

On June 12, 2008, the Birmingham Mail reported that Birmingham City managing director Karren Brady was due to meet Claire Young to follow up on her job pledge made during the series of The Apprentice. A fortnight later, newspapers were reporting that Claire Young had accepted the job with Karren Brady but because of media commitments might not assume her post until the autumn. Claire Young later confirmed that in September 2008 she was starting a senior role based in sales at Birmingham City.

In March 2009, the BBC reported that Claire Young was running a wedding planning and consultancy business.

Claire, the daughter of Richard and Cheryl Young, was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and went to junior school at St Hilda's Convent. She was then brought up in Wakefield in the North of England. Claire, whose hobbies include horse riding, spent a year at medical school before gaining a degree in Equine Science. Claire spent 3 seasons as a Club 18-30 rep in Magaluf.