

SKILLS FOR WORK EVENTS



As they prepare for adulthood and joining the work force it is vital that young people understand the importance of a good grasp of both basic skills and employability skills and appreciate how important these skills are to employers when they are recruiting new staff.

The key skills include:

- Literacy and numeracy.
- Communication.
- ICT.

Employability skills considered essential by employers include:

- Teamwork.
- Meeting deadlines.
- Task and time management.
- Listening to, and acting upon, instructions.

Enterprising skills include:

- Creativity and innovation.
- Problem solving.

Equally important is an awareness of the range and diversity of businesses in the area and an early understanding of enterprise in both large and small settings.

The large-scale Skills for Work Events organised for secondary school pupils by EBC help to embed these skills into pupils' early work related learning and experience of enterprise education by:

- Bringing together local businesses and pupils to work through a series of practical activities that reinforce the relevance of key skills in the workplace.
- Challenging pupils to work as a team to solve problems and to come up with creative solutions to various challenges.
- Offering pupils an 'informal' setting in which to talk with local businesses about career and training opportunities.
- Encouraging pupils to develop the skill of self-reflection.

Skills for Work Events see EBC recruiting local businesses to run a series of practical activities for pupils. EBC works with the businesses to develop activities which reflect companies' particular area of expertise and which match pupils' learning needs and abilities.

The events are set up as carousels, with pupils working in teams of around 10 to experience each activity. Each event attracts up to 120 pupils and activities are tailored to match the ages of pupils. They can be delivered to pupils from Year 7 to Year 11.

EBC's Skills for Work Event portfolio of has been increased to provide highly successful themed events. For example EBC's Construction Carousels (construction), The Big Green One (green/environmental sector), Passport to Success (tourism and leisure) and CARE (health and social care) which sees businesses recruited from specific sectors to work with young people.

These options support special curriculum areas which schools may be offering to pupils as well as supporting schools with special school status such as science and technology, business and enterprise and arts and media.

Education Business Connections provides:

- Recruitment of businesses to deliver activities.
- Practical advice and guidance to companies on the development of their proposed activities.
- Recruitment of schools to take part in the event.
- Full event organisation, including arrangements for venues, transport, and all related housekeeping aspects.
- Full post-event evaluation.

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