



Accelerating Achievement Broadening Horizons

Primary Schools Careers' Fair

Background

At the South Cambs and City Area Partnership meeting in Spring 2016, Anne Bailey gave a presentation about the work of Form the Future.

Following this meeting Gill Hanby facilitated a working group made up of interested parties to brainstorm ideas for a possible project that fitted with the Accelerated Achievement objective on the Area Partnership Plan.

Partners

- South Cambs and City Area Partnership (Gill Hanby)
- Cambridge and Peterborough Collaborative Outreach Network (Rebecca Avery and Judy Edwards)
- Form the Future (Anne Bailey)
- Cambridge City Council (Paula Bishop, Andrea Butler and Edd Mitchell)
- allyance (Ann Jones and Jenny Jones)

Project Aims

- To undertake a collaborative piece of work which focussed on the Area Partnership Plan.
- To develop careers' awareness.

The National Curriculum England states that:

"Every state funded school must offer a curriculum which is balanced and broadly based which prepares pupils for the opportunities responsibilities and experiences of later life".

- To develop personal skills and resilience.
- To familiarise partners with the concept of working with primary aged children.

Activity Details

The Design Department at Anglia Ruskin produced booklets for each child, based on a previous document produced by allyance and updated by Rebecca Avery and the team. The booklet was used before, during and after the visit.

There were a number of employers in attendance including:

Freelance marketing consultant
A14 Construction project
Cambridge University Museums
Bouygues (energy)
Ion Science
Cambridge United
CRC Hair & Beauty/Catering
Morgan Sindall
MetroBank
Anglia Ruskin University
Mundipharma/Napp Pharmaceuticals

200 young people from 6 primary schools attended.

The day was divided into 2 sessions, each group received a briefing welcome, a quiz, a tour around the university and time to interact with the employers. The morning session concluded with a short presentation by Heidi Allen MP for South Cambridgeshire.



Evaluations

Employers

100% of the evaluations received would like to repeat the experience.

The venue was good.

Appreciated being provided with a meal.

Liked the booklets and working with younger children.

Thank you so much for organising the careers convention—the children had a fabulous time and we were able to make some great contacts. (Teacher)

It was inspirational for many children to be at a University and to start thinking about their careers. (Headteacher)

The jobs were really interesting and it really made me think about what I want to do when I leave school. (Year 6 child)

I have never been to a University before but now I think I would like to come here. (Year 5 child)

If it had not been for the Careers' Fair I would not have had the opportunity to initiate the in-depth conversation regarding education in its widest sense (Teacher)

Thank You

A special thanks to:

Our partners for making the event possible.

Staff and children from Bassingbourn, Fowlmere, Foxton, Hauxton, Meldreth and St. Albans.

Heidi Allen MP.

Anglia University - Design Department, Student Ambassadors and providing the venue.

