

Enterprising Houses

How can you help young people develop their teamwork and employability skills?



By offering just a few hours per year volunteering to support an Enterprising Houses workshop in a Croydon school / college, young students will benefit directly from your experience in the world of work.

The Enterprising Houses workshop provides an opportunity for business volunteers to help prepare young people for future employment by encouraging a good work ethic and positive attitude.

What is an Enterprising Houses workshop?

Enterprising Houses is a planned 2-hour event organised by CEBP for either a whole year group of 14-19 year old students or smaller groups of students. The programme appeals to all, but is even more relevant to students studying construction, engineering, humanities, business studies or design and technology.

During the activity students work in small teams as a building company; the objective is to tender for a contract to work with the local council to build a small housing estate with 12 dwellings.

What is the objective of the workshop?

With the support of a business facilitator and a teacher the students will develop skills in:

- Communication
- Team Work
- Organisation Skills
- Project Management
- Problem Solving and Negotiation
- Business and Customer Awareness
- Consideration of Environment / Energy Issues
- Self-Management

What is my role as a business volunteer?

- Attend an induction or work shadow an event
- Attend a briefing meeting on the day of the workshop to meet your assigned teacher
- Set out resources, lead and facilitate the activity
- Build students' self-esteem and confidence, and develop their awareness of customer expectations
- Ensure that students keep to task within the time frame set'

What are the benefits to business?

- Opportunity for staff development
- Raise company profile in the community
- Gain knowledge of current education / qualifications
- Knowing that you are developing skills in young people
- Review of recruitment procedures / practices

What the students say:

'I realised that I can work in a team and be successful'

'It was fun and I learned to use my initiative. Would recommend it to all'

'I have more determination than I thought'

What the business volunteers say:

'Watching students develop their individual roles as the session went on was interesting'

'Budding designers were emerging'

What do I do next?

Please invest in Croydon's young people and future by participating in this and other CEBP activities including:

- Mock Interviews
- Employability Skills Workshops
- Business Champions
- Enterprise Days
- Professional Development for Teachers
- Bizzy Partners

Contact the team at CEBP... we're here to help!



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