

Selby Big Local – Big Aspirations

Raising career aspirations & supporting
primary to secondary school transition.

In October 2017, NYBEP Ltd was commissioned by Selby Big Local* to support the delivery of “Big Aspirations”; a year-long aspiration raising programme, working with over 100 Year 6 learners from three primary schools in Selby town (Barwic Parade, Selby Abbey and Selby CP School).

During the launch phase of the project, our challenge was to create and facilitate two bespoke, high-impact, activities to help learners raise their career aspirations and equip them with life skills to make a successful transition to high school.

*Selby Big Local (www.selbybiglocal.org.uk) is a 10-year Big Lottery funded programme which supports residents create lasting community change through an investment of at least £1 million.

Activity 1: What’s Stopping You?

NYBEP launched the Big Aspirations programme with a ‘What’s Stopping You?’ workshop. Focussing on how to overcome the challenges, tests and barriers you experience in life as you strive to reach your goals – our experienced presenter used a mixture of personal experiences, inspirational role models and learner participation to motivate and challenge negative stereotypes.

“This really set the foundation for helping our year 6 pupils think about the skills they already have and those they need to develop, to support them through transition to high school and into jobs and the world of work.” Selby Big Local



“Throughout the launch of Big Aspirations, NYBEP has brought their professional experience, and enabling and creative approach to supporting our schools and the ethos of Big Local”
Selby Big Local



Activity 2: Careers Insight Fair

Drawing from NYBEP's extensive network of employer and education contacts, we invited organisations to run hands-on workshop experiences intended to bring skills to life at the Year 6 Careers Insight Fair, held at the Riccall Regen Centre.

Aims of the Event:

- To excite and motivate pupils to think about their interests and skills.
- Expose learners to different jobs, careers and employment pathways.
- Widen horizons and raise aspirations around the world of work.

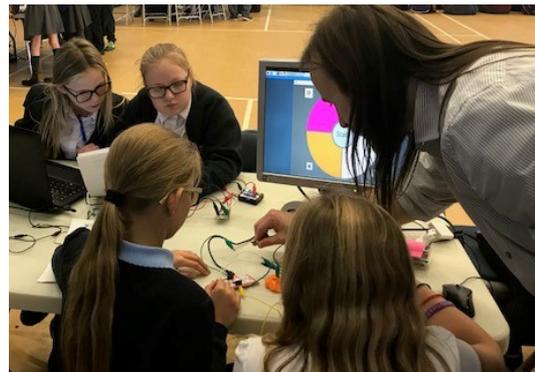
On the Day:

Learners had a fantastic opportunity to experience a range of hands-on, interactive, activities covering the following employment sectors: engineering, agritech, power generation, hair and beauty, catering, the games industry, computer programming and design/graphics. They also heard about opportunities for self-employment, as well as learning about the skills employers are looking for.

"It was great for our children to hear directly from employees from different fields try out different activities. As a result, our children have deepened their knowledge and understanding of the type of skills needed in the future." Y6 Teacher

"The workshop was well received by the students and it was great to see how I could inspire them, and also educate them a little on the way." Business Supporter

"It's a real privilege to be asked to work with young people from the heart of Selby. Helping raise the aspirations of the future workforce and building the skills and behaviours they will need throughout life in order to reach their full potential." NYBEP 2017



Next steps:

NYBEP will work with each participating school to shape an aspiration action plan, to include activities such as: Learner Skills Workshops (focussed on communication, emotional resilience, team work), an Enterprise Project, and workplace visits.

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