

‘The Trading Game’

A fast-paced, interactive Stock Market simulation designed to develop employability skills.

The Trading Game is a high energy, collaborative activity, designed to test team-work, communication, decision-making and maths skills. Working in small teams, learners receive an initial ‘investment pot’ and are challenged to ‘play’ the Stock Market – each team aiming to make as much money as possible over five days of ‘trading’.

Case Study: St. Augustine’s RC School, Scarborough

Over 200 Year 9 & 10 learners took part in The Trading Game at St. Augustine’s RC School, Scarborough - part of NYBEP’s Successful Futures programme, funded by the Careers and Enterprise Company.

The Activity: After an introduction to the ‘Game’, which focussed on the skills needed for success, learners arranged themselves into teams, before embarking on their first day’s ‘trading’. Team roles were allocated and animated discussion took place as strategies were formulated. Listening skills were paramount as each new piece of information was presented; followed by frenetic activity as ‘Buyers’ were dispensed to the ‘Pit’ to trade shares. Strategies were revised as the game progressed and share values rose and fell. Finally, income/expenditure calculations were made and a winner identified!

Learner Impact: 97% of learners agreed that the activity had helped them recognise the importance of working hard, having confidence / self-belief and the value of planning and organisation skills.

84% said they felt more prepared for the world of work. 84% felt more confident. 86% felt it had developed their teamworking skills.

What did you enjoy most? *“Working as a team as if it was a real thing, everyone in our team having different jobs.”*

“Helped me realise how the stock market works and for a business to run, teamwork is vital”

“It has helped me improve my maths skills”

Teacher Feedback: *“...a fantastic activity that raises financial awareness, which sees students develop their teamwork, communication and decision-making skills, whilst also meeting the requirements of PHSE Citizenship and careers curriculum. A highly recommended workshop.”*

Gatsby Benchmarks 1. A stable careers programme; 4. Linking Curriculum Learning to Careers; 5. Encounters with Employers & Employees

