



Aim:

To raise awareness of general employment skills required Post 16 and the importance of team work.

The exercise is a simplified mini-enterprise activity, similar to Industry Days in mainstream schools.

Objectives:

By the end of the session each group will have

- completed the team exercise on building a structure
- identified skills required for employment and career choice

Materials Required:

One box of the following for each group of 4/5 students:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper (lots of) • Plain paper • Sellotape, • Card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • String • Coloured Pens • Scissors • Pencil and Ruler.
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A1 size 'Things To Do' posters, small cards with completion time to put on 'Things To Do' poster.

Time Allowed: 45/55 mins

Structure of Session:

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| 1. Introduce groupwork activity | 5mins |
| 2. Team exercise | 25/30 mins |
| 3. Feedback / discussion | 15/20 mins |

Problem Solving Groupwork

Groupwork Notes:

1. Divide class into 5 small groups of 4/5 students.

Introduce exercise and display instruction on poster.

Put deadline time cards on poster.

The aim of exercise is to build a self-supporting structure on which to fly a flag (with Company name on) at height.

Each group should decide on a name for their company and then plan as a team how to complete the task within the given time of 30 minutes.

2. Completion of group work exercise – observe how the groups work together, follow instructions etc. for debrief. Make notes if necessary on destinations to use in feedback.

3. Students to display towers at end of activity and observe each other's work. Personal Adviser (Careers) to check each group has a company name, self-supporting structure with flag flying.

4. Individual students to complete questionnaire.

5. Feedback exercise.

Initiate discussion by asking for response to questionnaire.

Discuss points observed – to include employment skills and decision making skills generally.

- did teams argue or work well together?
- meet deadline?
- follow instructions – name of company / flag etc?
- use particular skills within group e.g. art work, ideas etc?
- health & safety - make decisions - self awareness?

Problem Solving Groupwork

How Did It Go?

1. Did you finish the task?
2. How did your team decide who did what?
3. Did anything go wrong? If so, what?
4. What did you enjoy?
5. What didn't you like?