



Stockton-on-Tees
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Supported Internships

Listening to young people and their families.

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Aims

- **Our starting point for the SI work was co-production with our YP and their families – to do this we needed a better understanding of their needs and worries.**
- We chose to create a series of smaller, bespoke events to hear the voices of young people and their families
 - - To hear from young people who wouldn't ordinarily attend pupil voice events
 - - To build on (already positive) relationships
 - - To gain a sense of what information people already had about SI's
 - - To understand any barriers to supported internships
 - - To provide a sense of reassurance for parent/carers

Whose voices did we need to hear?

- Smaller, targeted, co-produced
- Young people with an EHCP
- 14+ years
- Young people thinking about their futures
- Parents and carers of the above!
- Inc young people in both mainstream and specialist schooling



How to engage YP and their families



- Somewhere young people would like to be and would enjoy
- Somewhere informal - where socialising isn't the focus
- Parental space with coffee and chat
- The Hideaway offered a focus for the event (gaming) and a quieter and dimmed space.
- Ability to offer refreshments
- Ability for arrive and leave with minimum fuss
- Space for parents and carers

What we did

- Worked alongside SPCF
- Worked with venue to meet our needs
- Spoke with Comms Team – design flyer
- Advertised in schools via SENCO
- Council Social Media
- Local Offer
- Venue advertised
- Targeted via case workers



Aged 13-18 and live in Stockton-on-Tees with an EHCP?

We want to hear from you!

Whether it's work or education, we want to know about your post-16 plans and what areas you might like to work in.

Help us plan for the future of SEND young people in Stockton-on-Tees.

Friday 5 May • 6.15pm - 8pm
The Gaming Hideaway

Unit 20, St Peters House, Pavilion Shopping Centre, Thornaby, TS17 9FF

BOOKING IS REQUIRED!

Places are limited - please request a place by emailing nicola.stott@stockton.gov.uk

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
BE A
GAMER**

Parent/Carer Responses

Responses

Parent/Carers

How did you hear about the event – schools, social media and SPCF

Does your YP have ideas about future employment – $\frac{3}{4}$ said yes (art/tech/IT)

Have you heard of SI's – $\frac{3}{4}$ said no

Worries about YP moving to employment – highest areas were transport and the social aspects

What would parent/carers like support with – information and understanding options

SEEK AT
SOLVING
PROBLEM

GAME
-TESTER

Answer

DEEP

Not
used

Young person responses

Responses

Young people

Future aspirations – art/design/gaming

Where do you get most support in terms of future careers and choices – school then parents

Have you heard of SI's – Over half said yes

Do you know what an SI is? Over under half said yes

What are your worries, if any, about moving into work – most said they had no worries, second it was the social aspects of the workplace.

What do you see as the benefits of work – most said earning their own money

What would you like more support with – most felt they didn't need anymore support, after this some mentioned more support understanding routes into certain employment's.

What do we know

What did we learn



Parent/carer views and the views of young people differ

Parent/carers expressed more anxieties around the move into work, the main worry being transport.

Young people expressed less worries and concerns – most had no identified worries.

Parent/carers were mostly unaware of SI's

Young people mostly know of them and what they were

Young people had some clear interests – sometimes niche!

Like most young people they were keen to earn their own money

Our response so far...

Our learning

Parental coffee mornings and drop-ins planned – as a way to acknowledge and respond to parental/carer worries. Invite transport services, benefits advisors and careers team. Information to take away.

Explore other sectors – find more diverse placement options – podcasting, gaming, tech. Don't want to limit young people. Working with voluntary sector to look at this. Being flexible.

Address the young peoples worries, which were more around confidence and social situations. Share this with schools and colleges.

The need for SI literature – aimed at different groups – professionals/parent/carers and young people (and employers). Creating better links with Marketing and Comms Team.

Future planning of smaller, coproduced events – pottery event, beauty event, climbing event, non themed event.

Thank you
and any
questions

