



Planning meeting for Dragon's Den event in Manchester 11th January 2011



Our job today was to plan a Dragon's Den event for young people with learning disabilities in Manchester. This is part of the Getting a Life project. The idea is to get local businesses (Dragons) to offer jobs and/or work experience to some young people with learning disabilities. The young people will present on the day, telling the Dragons about the skills they have and why they should give them a job. The event will be supported by Tricia Nicoll who is working for the national Getting a Life project.

This is who was there at the meeting. We told everyone what our first job was or, if we have not had a job yet, what our dream job would be.

Manchester Getting a life

Dragon's Den (Dragon's Den planning meeting 11th Jan 2011)

who's here + our first job

- Barry - British Rail YTS
- Laura - McDonald's
- Claudine - hairdresser
- Lorraine - M+S
- Adam - work in greenhouse at Wythenshawe Park
- Frank - The Tree of Life community shop
- Yvonne - packing pickles in a pickle factory
- Zia - work in tuck shop
- Mariqua - dream job - music + dance
- Jamie - Bike mechanic
- Salah - dream job - work in a gym
- Tricia - jeans shop

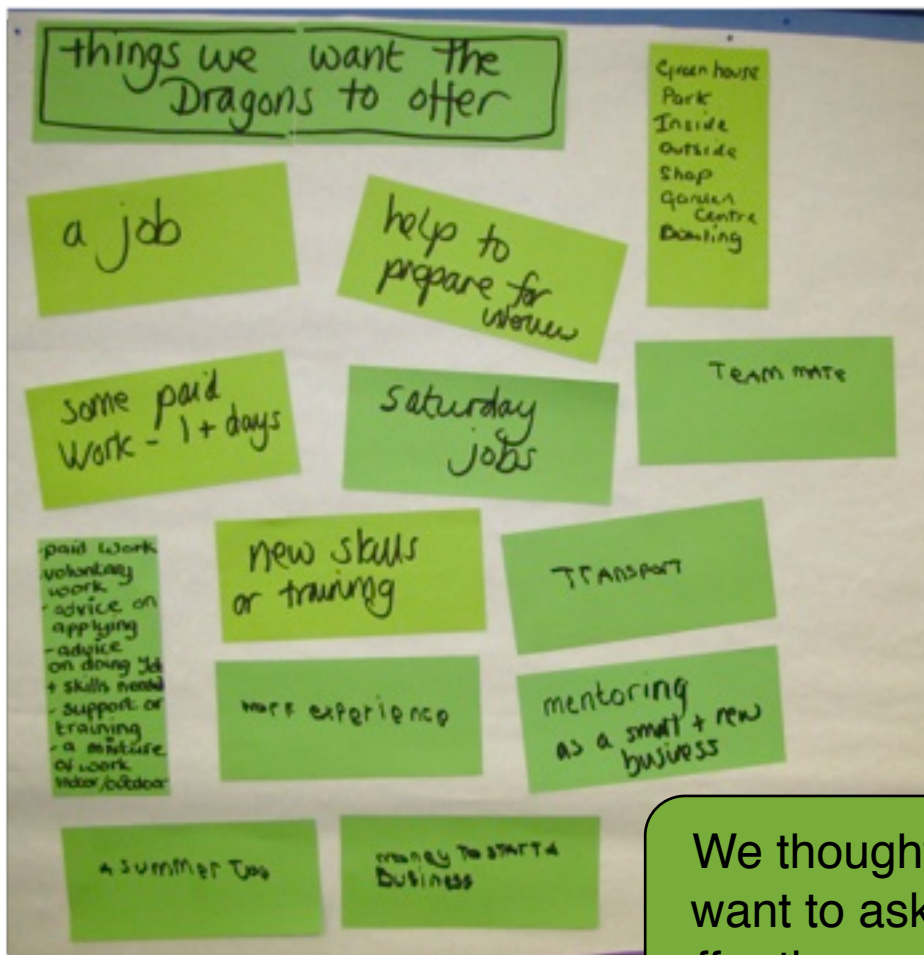
people have an idea for a product or project

5 business people decide if it's a good idea or not - ££, help + ideas, good contacts

What do we need to decide?

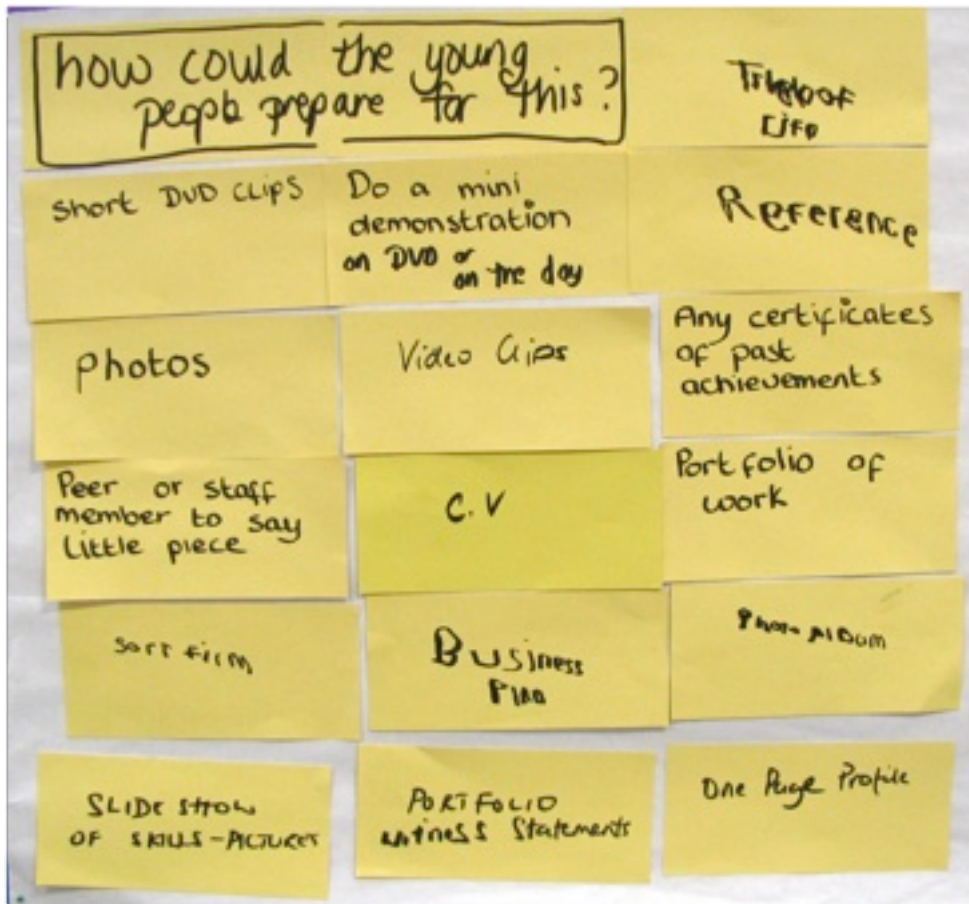
- ✓ a date - when? - how long?
- ✓ where? a venue?
- ✓ who + how many Dragons?
- ✓ who + how many young people?
- ✓ what we're asking the Dragons to do (maybe give them the page prior in advance)
- ✓ food!!!
- ✓ money! How much + who from?
- ✓ getting people there
- ✓ invitations
- ✓ what are we asking the young people to do?
- ✓ invite an audience - MPs, parents + families, Councilors, media, TV, radio, Newspaper
- ✓ make sure everyone who wants to be is included

We made a list of all the jobs we need to do to make this event happen.



We thought about what we want to ask the Dragons to offer the young people at the Dragon's Den event. This poster shows what we said.





Then we thought about what the young people at the Dragon's Den event could do to show what they are good at and why the Dragons should support them. This poster shows what we said.



25th
March 2011

Venue for
80-100

~ 20 young
people

~ 15-20
Dragons

audience
20-30

We decided some of the practical things about the Dragon's Den event:

- When it will be - **25th March 2011**
- How many people could be there
- How many young people will present at the event
- How many businesses we will try and get to be Dragons
- How many people we want for the audience

other ideas!

Tricia to come
across + support
students to put together
info

Link up
with Breakthrough

look with manchester
college students to
get peer mentors

These are three other
ideas we had!

These are the jobs we have to do now - make sure you check what you said you would do!

what?	who?
talk to GAL + Project search young people + find out who is interested	Laura by end Jan
talk to 'into work' + other Manchester college courses	Lorraine by end Jan
talk to Project Search group	Frank
find a venue ? Town Hall	Laura
find Dragons	Nikki Boyd via Laura (greater Manchester employees coalition)
talk to Liam Redmond at Manchester College to get him to help with buddies + mentors	Lorraine
Give Tricia a list + contacts for useful tutors	Lorraine
Decide what kind of Dragons we need - e.g. Council, gym, bike shop	Laura + Lorraine
talk Talbot House what we're doing	Lorraine
Talk to: Breakthrough UK — Lorraine Manchester Disability Partnership — Barry Breakthrough — Tricia Councils + MPs — Barry Ivan Lewis — Tricia radio — Claudine	
don't forget TV + papers	
Duncan Barnatyne — Tricia	
Evan Davis — Tricia	
personal messages from David Hutchinson Michael Leonard Shafia Ahmed	project search — Lorraine +

What next?

We agreed that we would get on with our jobs and meet again in 4 weeks on Tuesday 8th February at Openshaw Campus at 11.00am.

After our planning meeting we will meet the 20 young people who are going to present to the Dragons.

Thanks for your hard work and ideas! I look forward to seeing you next month.



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