



The Insect Hotel in Oldham, Manchester 2011

Delivery

30 guided learning hours.

Partners

- The Enterprise Centre (Lead)
- Ground Work Oldham & Rochdale
- The Collective Partnership
- Great Marketing Works
- Rocknine Creative
- Holy Family Primary School

Aim

To create an enterprising project at school for a mixed group of year five and six students. To broaden knowledge of the environment for Staff, Students and the wider community. By doing this work at school we would encourage a 'Greener' community whilst stimulating interest in science subjects at school.

Objective

- To facilitate learning for the year five and six students at school in:
- Project Planning – using project management cycles
- Team working and responsibilities
- Understanding insect behaviour, habitats and their influence on the planet
- Concepts of marketing
- Problem solving
- Event planning and facilitation
- Developing emotional intelligence to include 5 year ten students from The Oasis Academy, Oldham as mentors in the whole process.

Outputs

- Students of year five achieve level 2 Vocational Related Qualification at level 2 in Contributing to a Project.
- Mentors from The Oasis Academy achieve a level 3 award in 'Personal Mastery'
- Students plan and build one large insect habitat in school in grounds and replicate the work on smaller models for re-sale at the showcase.
- Students acquire techniques for motivational development and stress management.
- Teachers develop Knowledge and skills in enterprising activities at school through pre training and contribution to the whole for enhanced skills so that they can replicate the work in the future.
- Students, Teachers and the wider community celebrate at an event to showcase the work they have produced at school. (All accreditations endorsed by EDI awarding body.)

Delivery Model

- Pre delivery training session with staff at school
- Four sessions underpinning knowledge through action led and applied learning of project planning methodology and marketing your efforts.
- Three sessions (3,6 and 12) emotional intelligence, team building, self-esteem management and evaluation
- Four sessions underpinning knowledge through action led and applied learning on insect culture, behaviour, environments and impacts on the local environment and the planet.
- One session of event planning and implementation of work involving the wider community.

Results

All students achieved using a range of assessment methods. The event was a success, many parents and other members of the community attended.

Comments from staff and Head of the school

"I can't believe I have learnt so much I have got rid of my slug pellets and brought the copper wire! Every bit helps"

'Maria Grimshawe' (Learning Mentor at school)

"I really like insects now and understand why they are important, I loved planning and building the Hotel, we have caterpillars already"

'year six student'