



Empowerment Centres

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- Tailored to the community
- For all ages and abilities
- Expert speaker visits
- Wide variety of Topics
- Student lead
- Project Portfolios
- Bringing a sense of community



Tailored to the Community



- Set up according to the Communities needs
- Use a church/village hall or dedicated building
- Base it around the resources that are available
- The centre can have dedicated rooms and/or learning areas
- Advice can be provided on structure, timetable etc

All ages and abilities



- Students who are more skilled can help the less skilled
- Young and old can mix to share life experiences
- Inclusive for those less able
- No one is left out if they want to learn
- Anyone can change the purpose/direction of their life

Expert Speaker Visits



- Experts do presentations about their skills
- Experts can run a taster workshop
- Enabling students to decide if they enjoy the topic
- Experts can become mentors
- Experts provide on-the-job learning for suitable students
- Experts can provide jobs for suitable students

Wide variety of Topics



- Topics depend on the amount of information available
- Key topics provided e.g. Well-being, Life skills, Budgeting etc
- Most topics can involve reading, writing and maths

Student Lead



- Student or group of students can decided topic
- An Expert/Teacher may be required
- Staff will facilitate learning, providing resources
- Students do research in their own way
- Students can share information and collaborate

Project Portfolios



- Student creates folder/journal/log book about their project
- Portfolio Includes:
 - List and prices of required resources to create budget
 - Plan of action, written and diagrams
 - Evidence of process - photos, video/sound recordings
 - Write up with 'what went well' and 'what could be better'
 - Actual expenditure with profit and loss calculations
- Portfolio is evidence for employers, further learning and/or clients

Bringing a sense of community



- Provides a hub for the whole community
- People come together to socialise
- People can be supported and provide support to others
- Local companies can train students and find new staff
- Anyone can retrain for their dream job/hobby

For more information



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