



“Launch My Future” Young Shipwrights Project

For - School groups – ages 13-14 (Year 9)
Business volunteers (1 volunteer to 6 young people)

What - Day workshop for up to 60 students and 10 volunteers from local businesses. Building boats that launch young people’s futures.

When - Early July - 9:00am – 2.45pm

Where - Sports Hall Venue within Rhonda Cynon Taff region



Overview

- Small teams of students work with volunteers from business to make functioning sailing yachts
- Practical workshop led by a renowned shipwright working with thought-leaders in education
- Impressive final outcome and shift in student’s aspiration
- Students interview business volunteers to find out what is needed for success
- Students link aspiration to education
- A lasting memory - Students and volunteers create short documentary and personal journals
- Young people from challenging circumstances build ‘loose ties’ with people in different jobs





More information

Workshops are led by a shipwright assisted by qualified teachers and professional film maker 13 year olds from schools in the RCT region work in small teams with volunteers from businesses to build water-tight cardboard boats. Each metre long boat is built around a team's concepts of success .

Students work with business volunteers to research personality and communication styles and unlock the essential skills and elements that can lead to a successful future. Students and volunteers are the front of camera and voice of a short promotional documentary.

Launch My Future is part of an on-going programme of activities for the RCT region designed to enable business to help young people towards employability and fulfilled lives. This day event will be a stepping stone for some students to a summer residential where they can build and sail a real boat.

Business Support - The activity is fully funded and we are seeking volunteers from local business. Thanks to **DS Smith Packaging** for expertise and materials.

Teachers say

*"I have been on many school trips and activities and I can honestly say this is the best workshop I have been on....Carefully planned activities provided powerful learning opportunities for the children who showed amazing levels of engagement.... Sometimes its hard to get children to look forward and have high aspirations but the 'My Future My Choice Staff' are inspirational. Adults and children all went a way with good feelings and new visions." **Stuart Parslow Teacher, Bristol***

Businesses say

*"If the children are buzzing half as much as my colleagues that is great" – **Dafydd Bowen, AONHewitt***

*"We all really enjoyed building boats and being quizzed by the children and the photos are great for Rolls-Royce Marine News Magazine" - **Marcus Fischer, Design Engineer, Rolls-Royce***

Educational goals

- **Raising aspirations** – I can construct and create, I am not just the audience"
- **Meeting people with different jobs** – "I never knew what went on in those buildings"
- **Knowledge and pride in local skills and history** – "its fun learning in my town"

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