

14 – 19 Foundation Learning in Brighton & Hove

Working with vulnerable learners & learners with challenging behaviours

Construct a Hut at City College Brighton & Hove

Overview:

Construct a Hut is currently delivered as a part of the KS4 Engagement Programme and E2E courses run at City College Brighton and Hove (CCB). From September 2010 this provision will fall under the Foundation Learning Framework.

This Construct a Hut pack gives examples of Functional Skills and Personal Social Development sessions that can be carried out in school or other training provider to reinforce the learning undertaken with CCB.

When using 'Construct a Hut' as an example of the delivery of vocational engagement type activities, there are several different activities that can be completed in the classroom that address both the Personal Social Development and Functional Skills elements of Foundation Learning. Tasks that enable the learner to show speaking and listening, writing and reading skills are easily adapted to the various activities.

In theory this is a fantastic idea and would allow learners to develop their practical skills into skills that enable them to learn skills that will assist them in gaining further qualifications. The practical development and implementation of this in schools is more challenging and will require improved communication between schools and training providers and the development of a qualified team in schools to deliver FL and allocation of appropriate space for the learners whilst they are in school.

Barriers to implementation:

- Communication between school and training provider
- Resources – for consistency and good practice a resource pack should be completed to ensure that the work is carried out to an appropriate standard at school
- Working with students of all abilities/attending different courses e.g. Construct a Hut / Tinkering with Taps

Benefits to implementation:

- Qualifications that can be achieved by vulnerable and disengaged students
- Supports the mainstream implementation of Foundation Learning in schools
- Qualifications for potential NEETs – selling point for schools/colleges
- Encourages engagement of students (currently disengaged)
- Everyday skills are developed and adapted for accreditation
- The delivery of these sessions can be informal, adaptable and fun

What is in this pack?

- “Tools and their uses” (session plan, teachers notes, differentiated activity sheets, photographs)
- “Barbeque invite” (session plan, activity sheets)
- Functional Skills (examples of differentiated activities linked to Construct a Hut that could be carried out in school)
- Personal Social Development (session plan examples – ‘Developing Group & Team work’ & ‘Communication Skills’)

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