



Work InSight

Empowering young people

“Since we started our programme (which was one and a half years ago) we have changed as people. Having all the support around us has really encouraged us, making us believe that we can do more in the future.”



This is us in March 2009. Read the whole story on the next page

Work InSight is a self-help programme targeting young people at a crossroads, in danger of making choices that could interfere with their progress or lead them into trouble. This programme offers them an alternative. We challenge them to put their energy and leadership potential to productive use. By learning from the difficulties they have encountered in the past, we empower them to develop projects to improve lives in the future, their own and other people's; and we build on their achievements by linking them with mentors in corporate sector businesses who can guide them towards equal success in the world of work.

We have been given part funding to run the programme with four more groups (boys and/or girls) and we are looking for partner organisations who work with the sort of young people who might benefit. Please contact Shankara Angadi at shankara.angadi@twist.org.uk or at the address and number below.



In April 2010 the scheme won the Attorney General's Award for Excellence. It is supported by the Simmons & Simmons Charitable Foundation.

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This is us in July 2010

At the start we were a group of boys always at the centre of trouble. After it got too bad and we were on the verge of exclusion, we then got referred to the youth inclusion programme which is a



programme to help youngsters to avoid trouble. At this point our youth worker got us to meet people from Twist. We tried different ideas on how to start a project and finally we decided that we wanted to run a workshop to help the transition of students from primary to secondary school. We had a meeting with lawyers from a big law firm to ask them to help us and all six of the lawyers present wanted to take part.

We ran a two day event for Year 6 students showing them how to learn while having fun and the law firm provided us with facilities and a conference room for the children to give us feedback on. The lawyers really liked us and our commitment on our project so they gave us work



experience twice and we worked in all the departments and we learnt how successful this law firm was. This gave us a new insight of working life in a successful business. After we done our work experience we were invited to 11 Downing Street to meet the chancellor of the exchequer but he was out of town so we met the chancellor's wife (that's her on the left of the picture of us in the chancellor's sitting room). We were given an award at



the Attorney General's Youth Network event (see the picture on the right) and the law firm won an award for the best corporate responsibility initiative. In the future we would like to create a new programme for other young people so that it can become our organisation. It has had a very positive and dramatic effect on us. (We didn't get permanently excluded from school and in fact now in 2016 we have finished Uni.)

