

Helping Young People Access Employment & Further Education

Providing the Skills for the Future

Staff at Unity have been giving time to secondary school students across Oldham through a Mock Interview Programme. Unity staff carry out an interview scenario for pupils in their final years of secondary education, with an experience of an application and interview procedure. Following this Unity have time to provide students with feedback on their performance and provide advice for inevitable future, real application and interview procedures either for employment or further education opportunities.

The programme is administrated by Positive Steps Oldham; a local organisation working with young people across the borough. Through various programmes Positive Steps work to address a number of social issues including anti-social behaviour, high unemployment and low education attainment. The Mock Interview Programme contributes to these issues through local professionals providing skills essential to people's attainment of further education and employment opportunities.

Unity's Community Liaison Officer; David Knight says "The Mock Interview Programme is a fantastic way for Unity staff to engage with the Oldham community at ground level. I have been so encouraged by my colleague's willingness to get involved in this programme and I know that everyone has enjoyed the experiences they have had." He continued in saying "the programme is a step towards addressing issues of unemployment and low percentage rates of local students accessing higher education opportunities. Application, CV writing and interview skills are essential to succeeding in a competitive market for jobs... I believe that Unity employees have the skills to really

help local people in the transference from education into employment in this way."



Unity is consistently looking to develop further ways of addressing needs here in Oldham. The partnership between Oldham Council and Mouchel has created an ambitious and socially aware organisation looking to make its mark and contribute in the community in which it has become a part.

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