



Introducing children to the world of work at primary schools

Work Week is Inspire!'s flagship work-related learning programme designed to educate children about jobs and adult life. The programme introduces children to a variety of jobs, connects children's learning in school with success in the world of work and challenges stereotypes around ethnic background/gender.



Three elements form the structure of the programme:

1. Classroom sessions: Five themed lesson plans for each year group explore different aspects of work. Electronic and physical resources including PowerPoints, books, worker tabards and tools are provided.
2. In-school visitors: Real workers deliver in-school sessions about their jobs. Visitors include vets, police officers and business people.
3. Workplace visits and trips: Trips to supermarkets, restaurants and fire stations give pupils a behind-the-scenes look at working life. Year 3 pupils visit KidZania to learn about why we work and try their hand at jobs from air steward, to TV producer and mechanic.

Volunteer to inspire young children

"Excellent programme of work. Children were learning real life, valuable skills which they thoroughly enjoyed. Well put together and provided for a range of learning styles."
- Teacher

Inspire! is an Education Business Partnership; bringing together schools, employers and the community to raise young people's aspirations and to develop their skills for the world of work.

Taking the view that it's never too early to start preparing children for adult life, Inspire! has developed a Work Week programme for primary schools. We are looking for companies and employee volunteers to get involved to provide direct, hands-on support to the programme.



Minimal preparation required.
Briefings and activity sheets provided.
Support from Inspire! and school teaching staff.

Work Week themes are:

Nursery: Our first sense of work - jobs are introduced through role play, guided and self-led activities

Reception: Emergency services - pupils explore the jobs of police officers, fire fighters and medics

Year 1: Going to work - children look at skills for work, applying for a job and stereotypes

Year 2: Jobs in our community - visits from community workers bring the lessons to life

Year 3: Money Matters - pupils explore the value of work, enhanced by a trip to KidZania

Year 4: Literacy and numeracy at work - pupils visit a local workplace to see how maths is used

Year 5: Ethical Fashion - in teams, pupils compete to create the best ethical fashion brand

Year 6: Enterprise - pupils pitch a product and business plan to City volunteers at a Dragons' Den



How you can get involved

1. In the classroom (20 – 30 mins)

- Volunteers from local organisations visit the school to speak to pupils about their jobs
- Sessions involve bringing along props/tools for the children to explore and include opportunities for children to ask questions about their working life
- Inspire! staff prepare volunteers beforehand and support them fully in the classroom

2. By hosting a workplace visit (90 mins)

- A primary class visits a local business or organisation
- Pupils work with members of staff to carry out several activities that bring their job to life
- Inspire! works with staff to plan suitable activities and ensure the visit is safe and relevant.

Employer benefits

- Provides positive PR messages to local community
- Offers personal development opportunities for staff
- Helps to motivate and raise employee confidence

Pupil benefits

- Gives children a positive experience of the work of work
- Shows students the application of their learning in the wider world
- Brings depth and relevance to the curriculum.

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