Easy Steps to Subject Talks with Inspiring the Future

Many teachers find that having a specialist professional talk to pupils in a subject lesson can help increase their enthusiasm and their understanding of how their work at school will help them later in life.

Planning your event

1. Decide on a date and time for your talk, and narrow down which sectors, professions or specialisms (e.g. apprenticeships or languages) you might like to cover.

2. Log on to Inspiring the Future (http://www.inspiringthefuture.org.au) and invite a volunteer (or volunteers) of your choice, giving details on the date, time and venue, along with what you would like them to do and/or bring as props. Volunteer tend to need 4 – 6 weeks' notice.

3. Follow up one week before the event to re-confirm.

4. Prepare pupils with some questions ready to kick-start the Q&A.

5. Have someone greet the volunteer and ensure they are comfortable before introducing them to the class.

6. Encourage students to ask questions and engage with the speaker.

7. Let us know how it went – send us any pictures, videos and feedback so we can help to showcase and celebrate your success: **Contact us** and follow us on @ITF_Australia the account that we will retweet from.

Need some inspiration? See how other schools are integrating talks from professionals into their subject lessons in our online resources section **Here**

Ideas for Subject Talks in Your School

Although people's work is often relevant to a range of different subjects, the following can be good starting points for subject talks. These are just a small sample of different occupations done by volunteers who can be found through Inspiring the Future.

Subjects and example relevant professions

Maths - Finance/banking professional; engineer; electrician; plumber; architect

English - Journalist; publisher/editor; lawyer; PR/marketing professional; business administration apprentice

Languages – trade lawyer, finance professional, international development worker, doctor, marketing/sales professional; politician

Science - doctor; medical researcher; tech company employee; pharmacist; nurse; midwife, apprentice electrician; civil engineer

Technology, IT and Design - product designer; fashion designer; tech company employee; IT practitioner; advertising executive; film set designer

Geography - geologist; environmentalist; local authority worker; flood defences manager; travel agent; tourism manager

History - museum curator; academic; civil servant; management consultant; heritage manager; archivist

Business Studies - retail professional; entrepreneur; CEO; HR professional; customer service apprentice; buyer for a larger store; brand manager.