

Electively Home Education Project

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'To help every young person find their best next step.'

What have achieved thus far?

- Fostered quality relationships with Youth and Community groups cross Swindon and Wiltshire.
- Continue to foster quality connections and trust with home education groups and parents.
- Recruited the co-design team.
- Ongoing recruitment of a hundred testers.
- Signed up to young advocates from the British Youth Council and the Youth Advisory Board, who will be working closely to review, guide and feed into the project over the next nine months.
- Working with Gatsby Education Team and National Careers Service to share ideas, resources and plans for young people that may not have the same opportunities and access of mainstream children.

Time lines, Next steps, Next quarter

- Recruited parents and carers contacted and first session setup January 2023. Building a picture of understanding of the needs and requirements of every family in order to facilitate best group work, best actions and best outcomes for home educated young people across Swindon and Wiltshire.
- Cohort understood and agreed number of sessions implemented and structure set.
- On going recruitment of hundred testers. Giving talks at home education groups, community groups and all places that home educated families attend. Access created by strong quality relationships across Swindon in Wiltshire's youth and community teams.
- Develop quality and accessible resources with design team. In the process of recruiting a project development consultant and website developer.
- In process of developing handout introductory pack for parents and carers, ready for Jan 2023
- Further development with businesses, alongside parents and carers building a strategy and framework of business taster days work experience and apprenticeships over a calendar year accessible to HE families.

What are the barriers and how am I overcoming these?

- The number one barrier coming up consistently is the lack of trust with the programme due to historical issues with education and local authorities.
- Parents and carers found some survey questions inaccessible and failed complete the survey.
- Unable to access Facebook groups of home educated families due to issues with policing and data protection.

Committed to prove our achievables, our delivery, collaborations

What can we collectively do together to support this project?

- Be excited
- Be interested
- Share materials
- Share survey link: <https://surveys.research-partners.co.uk/index.php/694942>
- Let us know about any events we can attend for networking

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