

Topic: Career Pathways – Role Models.

1. Objective

To help students understand how they can take effective steps towards planning their careers, using the unbiased perspective and a wealth of experience of young role models to:

- Grow their knowledge and learn from their experiences
- Find ways to overcome school and career issues
- Maximise their potential – identify your strengths and weaknesses
- Identify development needs and how to meet them
- Plan a career path

2. Ice breaker – 15 minutes

- 2.1. Ask the students to work in pairs and come up with two people they consider be a role model and whose career they really admire.
- 2.2. The students should then brainstorm why they think those individuals have been successful in their careers.
- 2.3. The teacher will then ask the whole group to name one or two individuals they came up with and one thing that made them successful in their career.
- 2.4. The teacher will then highlight the importance of learning from role models, what they have achieved in their careers and the importance of overcoming obstacles in doing so.

3. Digital Skills Champions Videos – 30 minutes

- 3.1. View one or a selection of the videos of role models below. The teacher will tell the students they will be watching the stories of a series of role models from diverse backgrounds that will share their personal journeys and career stories (you can use the steps below to frame the conversation).
- 3.2. Point out that each role model offers solutions on how to overcome challenges they have faced.
- 3.3. As the students view the videos ask them to take notes on points or ideas they would like to implement in their careers or for their personal development.
- 3.4. Play the video together.
- 3.5. Inform the students they are going to view the video again but before this, ask them to develop notes on the benefits that the role models developed as a result of

experience and overcoming obstacles and be prepared to discuss these after viewing the video.

- **Dan McCabe – 3D Games Design**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsfbhtWshVY>
- **Kaja Choma – Personal Trainer**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Nq32pHN3BQ>
- **Yogi Raghvani – Web Design**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5A6l3kollg>
- **Kim Reid – Cyber Security**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-IG2J3lNyg>
- **Sam Hillier – Mechatronics**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnGmRXobp0>
- **Betsy Crosbie – Mechanical Engineer**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPAinn-qGrU>
- **Ethan Davies - CNC Milling**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0Bp6oAAKPo>

4. Where are you in your personal development journey? – 15 minutes

4.1. Draw 2 pictures of yourself side by side. Next to the first write down:

- 3 things that you are good at now e.g great at makeup/good at woodwork/timekeeping/talking to people

4.2. Next to the second picture, write down:

- 3 things that you want to do/develop/ improve on in the next 3 years e.g learn to cut hair/become more confident at meeting new people/travel abroad
- Pair up with a partner and share your 3-year goals with them.

5. Reflection – 5 minutes

The teacher will then bring the groups back together and ask them to share one or two key points they have taken away from the session.

6. Follow up activity

Have students interview a member of their community that they admire about their professional success and develop 5 minute presentation on this, make a video or write a blog on them to that they can share with the class.

Prompt Questions for the discussion on the videos

- Why were your perceptions of who would do each of the roles different to the reality?
- What factors influenced this?
- Does this change your perception on any of the careers?
- Why is it important to ask for help when overcoming obstacles? How can you find the best person or people who can help you overcome an obstacle?
- How can you face and overcome an obstacle without letting it change who you are as a person?
- Can you tell about a time you were fearful but still continue to reach for a goal? What happened to the fear when you reach your goal?
- What other questions would be helpful for you to ask yourself when facing a challenge?