

# The role of key people in supporting Young People's Aspiration

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# 14-19 Youth Advisory Board

- The North East 14-19 Commission
- Just 4 Youth, Regional Youth Work Unit and Stockton Borough Council.
- Two youth coordinators were hired
- The Youth Advisory was developed
- Achievements to date:-
  - Virtual Portal
  - Young Advisors Training
  - Regional conference on I.A.G

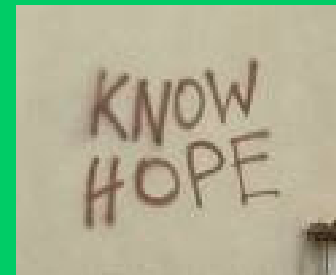


# Aspiration is...



"something that we all need in our lives. In the natural progression through life, without having any aspirations with what to do with the remainder of what is essentially a life, then one can't live a full and happy life. Without the initial aspiration we would have no doctors, no politicians, no teachers. Aspiration is the lifeblood of modern society"

Quote from Youth Advisory Board



Key people can have a positive and negative affect on young people realising and reaching their aspirations

POSITIVE



- Young Person from Youth Advisory Board
- Young Refugees

NEGATIVE



- Group of young people from the North East
- Young person from Youth Advisory Board
- Own personal experience

# Key people's in young people's lives

- Peers
- Parents
- Teachers
- Other Professionals e.g. Career Advisor (IAG)
- Media e.g. GCSE results, Professionals shun diplomas article



# Key messages

- The importance and the role of professionals in supporting young people raise and realising their aspiration
- Key messages to professionals
  - Importance of listening
  - Encourage young people
  - Don't judge
  - Keep an open mind
  - Try to help young people achieve their aspirations
  - Find out information to give support
  - Allow them to make mistakes and work with them to learn from them

# Our Aspirations

- To develop the skills we have gained through been a youth coordinator and to encourage other young people
- Take the Youth Advisory Board to the next level
- Develop toolkit for parents and young people
- Young People to work within the school environment

Do the key people consider what young people want, wish and desire OR is it what these key people want, wish and desire for young people?

# Final Thought



We feel that today's conference shouldn't be a one off. The issues raised and stories swapped are important in continuing good practice with young people.

We feel that a young person's conference should be the next step in ensuring what happens today makes a real impact on children and young people.

Thank You

Any Questions?