Building success in Gateshead – THE SPARC PROGRAMME

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Skills

Progression

And

Re-engagement

Consortium

A Strategic model

- Sparc Pulls together schools PRU's Access and Inclusion and special schools, YOT, Looked after services and Connexions and links directly to training provision, further education and employers.
- Direct links that bridge the gap both ways

Core programmes

- Three core strands
- 15+ Year 11 work
- 16+ 10 week programme
- 17+ Short courses
- Intensive wrap around support

Purpose

- To provide a bridging programme into any stage in the continuum of 14-19 education
- To break down barriers to progression
- To maximise progression to apprenticeships

Examples of Provision

- Engagement: Fighting Shakespeare
- Roll on/roll off College tasters
- Pre E2E Programmes
- Work experience for SLD
- Tailored programmes for young offenders

Strengths

- Strong inclusive partnership
- Plugged into strategic partnership and NEET strategy
- Extremely flexible bespoke provision
- Dedicated multidisciplinary core team
- Complementary to mainstream
- Additionality not displacement
- Targeted commissioning

Further work

- KS4 Prevention/engagement strategy
- A strategic alternative ed. resource
- Further integration with work of guidance services (Connexions)
- Build community support network
- Develop sustainability

Impact pre-16

- A single point of reference for schools and others who have identified young people disengaged or at risk of disengaging between ages of 14 and 16
- Improved inter-service working
- Improved proactive identification and support

Impact post 16

- Better transition into College, E2E and Apprenticeships
- Greater flexibility and choice
- Stronger collaborative links
- 730 starts to date with 80% success
- Minimum of 2.0% reduction in NEET figures

QUESTIONS?

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