SOCIAL VALUE & COMMUNITY SUPPORT WITH NEET AT ORFORD YOUTH BASE

Civil Engineering Division has recently supported “Lifegoals” for Warrington Borough Council’s Brighter Futures Team, aiding young people aged 15-24 who are not currently in education, employment or training (NEET).

Lifegoals supports young people who haven’t had the right opportunity, encouragement or funding to find a job, work experience or place on a training programme. The 12 or 18 week programme aims to improve young people’s social skills such as: self-confidence, motivation levels, resilience, communication skills, dealing with conflict and general personal development when applying for jobs.

Lara Taylor, Business Development and Nicole Bisson, Proposals Manager visited the Lifegoals group at Warrington Borough Council’s Orford Youth Base on Capesthorne Road where they met with participants from the programme. The purpose of their visit was to conduct a series of mock interviews with young people attending, to boost their confidence and help prepare these individuals for the world of work and improve their skills when facing a real-life interview scenario.

Jonathan Aghanian, Business Development Officer from Warrington & Co.’s Employment Development Team commented, "It was fantastic to see Lara and Nicole come down to support the mock interview sessions with our current Lifegoals group. Being able to provide our young people with the opportunity to meet with real life employers and undergo an interview process provides them with invaluable experience that will help them to move forward in their chosen career path.

We have had some excellent feedback from the participants on the day, including seeing some huge increases in the young people’s confidence that will most definitely help them as we continue to support them into work, apprenticeships or further education”.

![Image of Lara Taylor and Nicole Bisson during a visit to Lifegoals group at Warrington Borough Council’s Orford Youth Base on Capesthorne Road.](image-url)