'Entrepreneurship in Schools' Review - Other National Schemes

Business in a Box

Business in a box has been trialled in Kirklees by the Kirklees Grant Makers Alliance. The idea was to approach the members of the Alliance and their procurement departments asking for items that they felt students could supply the companies with. This was then presented to the schools as a business in a box i.e. a business idea with the customer already lined-up and prepared to buy. The students then ran the business supplying the company with the product.

This is very labour intensive and only works if the companies are already involved in Corporate Social Responsibility activities. In this case it was through the Grant Makers Alliance.

Not Just a Trading Company

NJaTC is the UK's leading provider of ethical enterprise learning programme for youth and community groups, schools, academies and colleges. They deliver supportive, fun, life-changing workshops, courses and longer programmes that provide people with the skills ad knowledge they need to set up and run ethical enterprises.

There is a cost associated with this and they approach entrepreneurship in a different way. They also have a network of schools/community groups that the participants can plug into.

Their approach has been developed over the last four years in partnership with young people and with disadvantaged communities. It utilises fair trading networks, and their supply chain expertise. They work with each group of people to help them experience every aspect of setting up and running their own small ethical enterprise. They can create, develop and market fair traded products, or start a service that can generate income for them and/or their community. They also provide groups in the UK with links to producer groups in developing countries, perhaps to co-create a new product, or maybe to build relationships at both ends of the supply chain.

They also offer a wide-range of courses and programmes aimed at a huge variety of groups - see www.njatc.co.uk for further information.