

Lesson Plan ES2

focus on careers
learning resources

Theme: **Employability Skills**

Aimhigher...
west area partnership

Objective

To know what is meant by employability skills and to be able to carry out a self-assessment of them.

Pre-learning

Take a person in the public eye (avoid the term 'celebrity'). Describe briefly how he/she demonstrates any three employability skills. Feed back ideas to the class.

Activity

Re-cap the concept of transferable employability skills from the previous lesson, referring to the handout if necessary. Students will need their 'My Employability Skills' self-assessments from the previous session.

In pairs – get students to tell each other about their top three skills (the ones with the highest rating) and describe the evidence for them, drawing on in-school or outside school activities.

Also discuss their lowest three (the ones with the lowest rating) and what *they* can do to improve these scores.

If time, discuss room for improvement.

Pairs join up into fours – tell the other pair about one of their partner's top three skills. Go round all four.

Select one student per group to give whole class feedback – name the commonest 'highest rated' skill in their group and summarise two different accounts of evidence for it. (i.e. demonstrate that this is a transferable skill by describing it in two different contexts).

Post-learning / Self study

Use the case studies to identify employability skills in individuals from two different occupational areas and describe how they apply them in their studies or careers. (Students may need to follow the links to – www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u to complete this).

Curriculum mapping

Careers Education and Guidance (CEG) National Framework:

Self development:

- Understand themselves and the influences on them: undertake a realistic self-assessment of their achievements, qualities, aptitudes and abilities and present this in an appropriate format.

Career exploration:

- Describe how the world of work is changing and the skills that promote employability.

Resources

(click link to open)

- **Handout – Case Studies**