

Rural Services Network
Rural Youth Seminar
Group Discussion Notes

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Plymouth University

Group Discussion Notes – AM

The morning presentations considered:

- The experiences of young people who have always lived in the countryside versus those who have migrated to reside there; and
- The challenges facing young people growing up in rural places today.

1. Relationship Entrepreneurial skills and careers in rural England important?

2. Entrepreneurship to sustain rural living these skills useful for young people?

3. Importance of access to information for young people in terms of economic activity

4. Lost link community development and youth work.

5. Charismatic leaders and their roles in local action. Co-production is really important

6. The availability of social capital outside "the local state" is a lottery

7. Academic outcomes into policy + change really important.

8. Significant impact of recession on young people's experience in rural areas.

9. Is creativity a more accessible word than an entrepreneur in terms of engaging young people in work in rural areas?

10. Faith agenda in rural communities an important resource.

11. Role of Young Farmers clubs in rural areas

12. Do immigrants mimic the attitudes of their parents in rural places

13. Media and social media generational divide is important - does this drive attitudes and values

14. Split between affluent and less affluent communities - aspirations change

15. Leap of faith to not be prescriptive in terms of statutory agencies approach more engagement young people?

Group Discussion Notes – PM

The afternoon presentations provided two practical examples of how young people in rural communities can be supported:

- 1) Minehead EYE project; and
- 2) Helping young people into Commercial Fishing.

1. Importance of the evolutionary model
from the informal to the formal journey
by the Minehead ETC.

2. Commercial opportunities arising from
the closure of public provision.

3. Minehead ETC has begun to become
mainstreamed in terms of applying its skills
to a new future for Somerset youth clubs.

4. Role of social capital in West
Somerset important

5. Role of transport as a challenge for the
Project. Still a challenge

6. Role of consultation and engagement in the
planning of youth support.

7. Fishing Scheme evolving into
formal apprenticeships

8. Transferability of the scheme
really interesting to other sea
communities

9. legislative challenges to fishermen
Posing on their skills - important role of
day boats as well to broaden general
interest

10. Not just about professional youth
work - enthusiasm at a community level
to the development of support for young
people important

11. Professional youth workers new
environment with community
development

12. Investment is still important and needed

13. Churches roles getting larger

14. Differentiated focus around
Categories of young people.

15. Sustainability through cross
Sector partnerships and joining things

up. Very important as a strategy

16. Importance of dissemination &
support for good practice

17 strategic role of raising the
awareness of young people in skills
areas which are local and may
be "unfashionable" - Tourism issue
as well

18. Looking to be inspiring and engaging - Rural can also be global.

19. Importance of independent ~~careers~~ careers advice.

20. Transport persistent issue around employment options for young people in rural areas.

21. Aspirations and awareness really important.

22. Careers Advice now largely turned off.

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