York Students in Schools Case Study

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Describe your experiences in your own words

- My experience as an SMG specifically has been one of both joy and learning. I now have an appreciation for workplace communication like no other.

What have been the highlights of your experiences?

- The trip to the Moot Court in Heslington East was definitely one of the highlights! It was great to see how much the children had learnt in only a couple of weeks and how enthusiastic they were to get involved in the sentencing exercise. We also got on well as a group, which meant team meetings were always a lot of fun (although at times perhaps less productive than they could have been).

Have there been any surprises?

- We worked closely with two PCSOs of North Yorkshire Police and we were all surprised how committed they were to the project, taking part in four out of our five sessions. However, due to their busy schedule, it was not always easy to get hold of them.

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What did you gain from your project?

- I learnt how important it is to assign roles and responsibilities early on within the team. This made it a lot easier to divide tasks and to keep in touch with community partners.

What advice would you give to students considering taking part?

- Volunteering projects are a fun way to meet new people and to gain valuable skills, so I’d advise every student to take part! It is worth bearing in mind, however, that the projects are a significant commitment and can take up a lot of time.

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