

Movin' On Up

Aspirations & Fulfilling the Future

Ages 11-14 (School Years 7-9)

Key Stage 3



A celebratory project which inspires young people to see their education as a path to future job opportunities and motivates them towards creating a happy fulfilling life.

"Yes! Yes! Yes! Because of the relevant examples you provided, commitment from the cast, and well-devised pieces, you captured their attentions. It was so excellent that they couldn't NOT have learnt anything!"
Karen Sookden, English Teacher, Warren Comprehensive, London Borough of Barking & Dagenham

THE PROJECT

Movin' On Up is an inspirational project that guarantees to keep its audiences both laughing and learning whilst offering them a positive outlook on their future. The show helps young people to recognise the breadth of opportunity in their own lives, articulate their personal aspirations and develop plans and skills to achieve their dreams.

The project stresses the importance of personal/social development, 'goal setting' and making a positive contribution. It promotes the ideas of further education and broadening horizons, whilst addressing key issues that will affect young people's futures including their attitudes, behaviour, attendance, timekeeping, management of personal finance and communication skills. *Movin' On Up* also signposts careers services and encourages young people to access further careers guidance.

Movin' On Up inspires young people to think about their strengths and their future plans, and helps them realise that they have something positive to contribute to society. It provides realistic expectations of the world of work and further education, and raises confidence in young people by opening up new horizons and providing practical steps to help them achieve their aspirations.

"The idea of being left behind really came across.
Hanging outside Primark... is not as appealing as it may seem!"
Emma Howell, Science Teacher, The John Roan School, London Borough of Greenwich

THE SHOW

Movin' On Up is a celebration of the future, combining entertaining educational sketches based on popular TV shows including X Factor and Doctor Who and music from Rihanna, to inspire young people to create a brighter tomorrow for themselves and the world in which they live.

The central plot follows the stories of three teenagers who have very different attitudes to their futures. Darren wants to be a lawyer, but needs help planning how to achieve his dream. Alisha is less sure of what she wants from life but she's open to having new experiences and working hard. Lauren is "not bothered" about her future. But Simon Cowell, presenting a new positive future-based show, The EET Factor, is on hand to help. This time the goal is *Education, Employment and Training*, and the prize is the future. You've got to be EET not NEET!

The show has been designed specifically for its target audience and makes learning for the future seem both the sensible and the 'cool' option for any young person.

"There's a subject to suit everyone. And everyone can be happy. There is so much choice."
Pupil, age 12, Hextable School, Kent

MOVIN' ON UP TEACHES YOUNG PEOPLE...

- To see the breadth of possibility in their lives and articulate their personal aspirations
- How to plan for and achieve what they want to achieve in the future
- The importance of thinking carefully when choosing their GCSE options
- To never choose a subject just because they think it will be easy but to consider their future plans
- To engage with further careers guidance and careers services
- That it's never too early to start planning for a successful future

"Movin' On Up, brought to life the reality of making the wrong choices. Young people were shown real life scenarios in making plans for when they leave school. Using contemporary TV shows as the model meant that the young people could focus on the message and stay absolutely hooked by the comedy and music."

Amanda Howells, Connexions Strategic Manager

A FEW FAQS...!

How long is the show? 45 minutes (35 minute show and 10 minute post show hot-seating session)

Who's it for? Ages 11 to 14/ Years 7 to 9/ pre-GCSE Secondary pupils

What school work does it link to?

- PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education)
- SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural)
- Values Based Education
- Citizenship Curriculum
- SEAL (Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning)
- Healthy Schools
- NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- CEG (Careers Education & Guidance)

Are there any accompanying resources?

Yes – you'll get a free hard and digital copy of the *Movin' On Up* Teachers' Resource Pack including further information, lesson plans and more.

You can also book an optional one-hour interactive drama workshop for up to 60 pupils. Just get in touch for costs and to find out more!

"A very high standard, as expected! Relevant and applicable to their age group and curriculum."
Sarah Heath, PSHEE/RE Co-ordinator, Plashet School, London Borough of Newham

For more information on this show or any of our other work, please feel free to get in touch and we'll be happy to help!

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We look forward to hearing from you!