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UP IN BCP support young people aged 12-19, and up to 25 with SEND, with information, advice and guidance on a range of issues. We aim to help those who are not currently in education, training or employment by supporting them to achieve their goals or break down barriers preventing them from engaging with work or training.

The Youth Café Project aims to deliver positive outcomes for young people in the BCP area. Firstly, to offer a safe space for young people and access to support when needed. Secondly, to provide young people with opportunities to serve customers in the community, gain work experience, learn essential employability skills, and complete a Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate.



Young People who can take part in the research, planning and development of the project need to be:

- aged 16 or 17 and not in education, employment or training (NEET) or be at risk of becoming NEET
- aged 18-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- aged 18-24 and a Care Leaver
- in academic year 11 and risk of becoming NEET*

We have received funding from the National Citizen Service (NCS) to support delivery of this project. Our aim by March 2025, is to have supported 105 young people through the project, helping them to increase their confidence and become work ready.

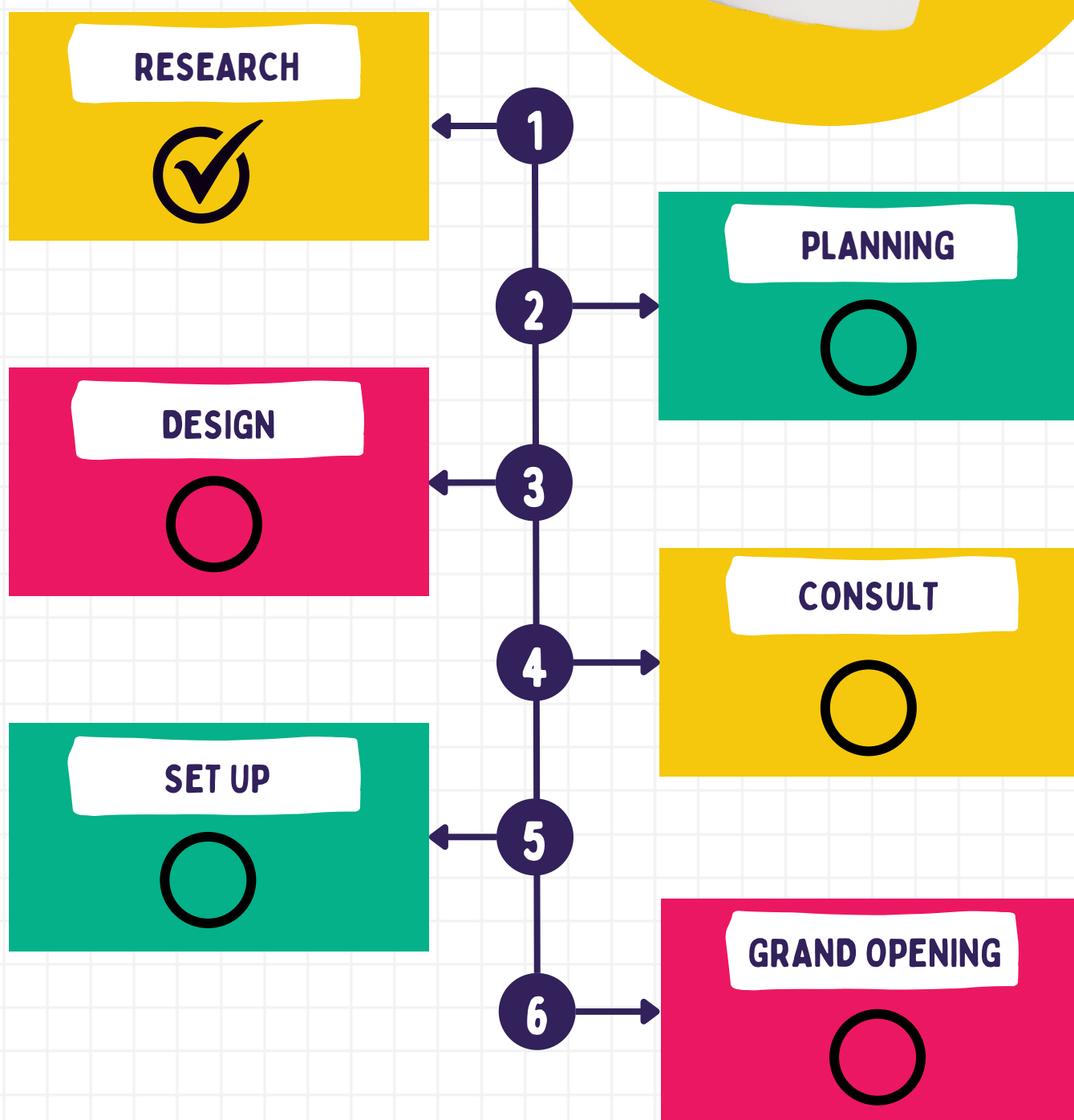
We will link in with the local community and employers to expand our offer to young people. We would love to hear from any interested parties who feel they could contribute to this project in any way.

*any involvement during normal school hours must be agreed by the education provider



THE PLAN

AS WE PROGRESS THROUGH
THE WEEKS WE WILL UPDATE
WHAT WE HAVE COMPLETED
BELOW



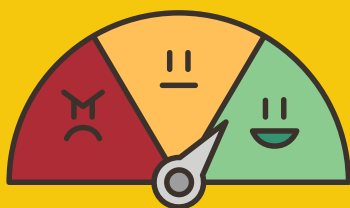
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We spent time on the laptops, researching cafes online.
We researched the following questions:

- How many cafes or places to eat are within 2 miles of Muscliff Park?
- Are there any youth cafes in BCP or Dorset?
- Which cafes or places to eat do you think teenagers in BCP go to the most and why?
- What youth cafes are there in other parts of the country? What do they offer? What times do they open?



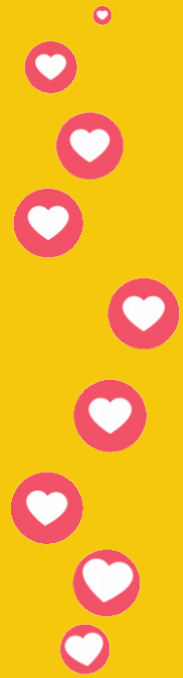
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We continued our research, looking at what things we might need to get started, and finding out which cafes are rated the best in Bournemouth on [tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com). We researched what feedback they've got and in the reviews, what do people like about them?

5 DECEMBER 2023

We spent time creating our first TikTok video to introduce the project to the world! Follow us @upinbcp. We also spent time making a café survey for next week when we go into Bournemouth to do some market research



12 DECEMBER 2023



We went in the minibus into Bournemouth town centre with our surveys. We walked around and found 8 cafes to review. We rated them based on how they looked outside, how they looked inside, the menu choice, and the general vibe! We decided we like the look of cafes with nice lighting and comfy seats, and menus that aren't too expensive.

19 DECEMBER 2023

Today we started thinking about what we would like to offer on our menu. We thought about what might be most popular and what would be essential to have on the menu. We then started to think about costings - how much might these items cost to produce and how much would be reasonable to sell them for?

We also emailed 5 local cafes and asked if they would be willing to meet with us and share some advice about setting up a café. We hope to hear back from them soon so we can get some expert advice!



16 JANUARY 2024

Today we met back after a few weeks off to enjoy the festive period. We had a couple of new faces join us today which was great. One young person sat and powered through the online Food Hygiene certificate and was able to leave the session with a great addition to add to his CV. The others continued thinking about menu items they would like to see available and discussed what they thought would be most popular.



23 JANUARY 2024

Today we went on a trip to Redhill Park cafe to meet with the team there and ask for advice. As Redhill Park is similar to our own location in Muscliff Park, we asked questions about some of their successes and also things that had gone wrong which we could possibly avoid. Rachelle was very helpful in answering our many questions and made us think about some things we hadn't considered before. We were very grateful for her time and her encouragement.

30 JANUARY 2024

2 exciting things happened today!

Firstly, a new group of 4 young people from The Quay School joined the project, working with Louise in Turlin Moor. They will be focussing their research, planning and design on a mobile youth café idea.

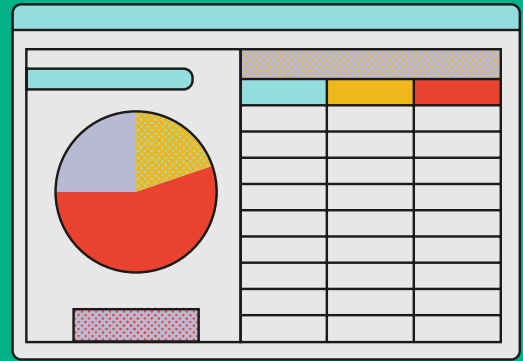
Secondly, we went on a trip to Jimmy's Iced Coffee. The team there talked us through the history of the brand and the advertising, and showed us around their workshop full of wacky promotional props (see below). Then they delivered workshops on finance and social media. We were shown how to work out cost price vs selling price, and calculate the profit. We had some debates about pricing and ingredients! They then helped us with some ideas for TikTok and kindly gave us some iced coffees to try and take home. We had a great time and continued to talk about all our new ideas on the way home in the minibus





6 FEBRUARY 2024

Today, we decided we would use some of what we learnt in our workshop last week and used a spreadsheet to start breaking down the costs of ingredients for some of the menu items we would like to serve.



After we had worked our brains hard with an hour of maths, we decided to make some chocolate milkshakes, so we could work out the perfect ice cream : milk ratio. We think less milk and more ice cream, and plenty of chocolate.

8 FEBRUARY 2024



Another new group joined the project today. A group of Year 11 students from Innovate will be working with us on Thursdays - it will be great to get more ideas from more young people.

20 FEBRUARY 2024

Today, we had a few new faces join us which was great. We started thinking about some potential names for the cafe and started playing about with logo ideas.

We also made some decisions about the colour of the kitchen cabinets and took some video clips of what the space looks like currently. When the renovations are done, we will take more video clips so we can have a record of the before and after.

We took a break from the hard work and made some fruit smoothies - the tropical flavour was unanimously voted as best.

3 young people received certificates today for completing 16 hours of volunteering - well done to them!

