



COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK - TEMPLATE FOR 'MY EDUCATION STORY/MY CAREER PATH'

NOTE: The content of the talk/story depends on what speakers/writers are comfortable with. Below are a few points they might cover with a few sample answers. This template could form the basis of a short talk/series of speakers or a one-or-two page 'story' to be displayed on the noticeboard/table.

1. **Who I am and what I do**
2. **What I studied in which college and why/ how I trained for my craft and why I chose it.**
3. **What was my experience of university? Or of training?**
4. **Any obstacles along the way?** – failures, repeats, changing course, feeling unsure of your choice? If so, how did you overcome these and did they contribute to your success in the end? (Knowing that happy/successful people have failed in the past is often more inspiring to young people than hearing about all the success!)
5. **Highlights of college/training - what did I enjoy most?**
6. **What has going to college/choosing this trade meant to my life?** (Job, friends, hobbies)
7. **What's the best advice I got - or could give - to encourage young (and mature) people to consider further education/training?** Did anyone inspire me to go to college/do well –can I encourage my audience to look for similar role models? Can I encourage them to dream big and to feel that a post-secondary education/training is within reach?
8. Perhaps finish by mentioning **College Awareness Week**. You're never too young – or too old – to make big plans. And maybe you could wish your audience well with thinking about an apprenticeship, a further education course, a university degree – a great future!

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