

'I Can...'

A transition event for young people with SEND



The Challenge

The 'I Can' careers transition event organised by the SABDEN Multi Academy Trust invites colleges, businesses and support organisations to attend and provide information for year 9, 10 and 11 SEND students.

The aim was to engage more secondary schools in undertaking ITTT through workshops on Planning a Journey and Rail Safety and via the GTR 'Try a Train' scheme.

Contact directly with staff and students has been the best way to engage schools with the programme. It was also an opportunity to meet with students who had already undertaken ITTT and plan for future training.

The SABDEN Multi Academy Trust provides specialised education to young people who demonstrate challenging behaviour and whom may have social, emotional, mental health difficulties. The schools within the trust have worked closely together since 2007 with a mission to raise the educational standards and improve the life chances of all pupils.

What we did

The day started early with set up at Kings Church, Eastbourne. Our stand was located in the information area of the event and also gave opportunity to catch up with previous partners such as Eastbourne Job Centre and make new links such as AMAZE youth groups. During the event schools arrived in phases throughout the morning. Members of staff accompanied small groups of students and moved around the stands asking questions and gathering information. The students engaged well and were encouraged to be independent. We discussed current modes of transport and what might encourage/enable them to change in the future. Students expressed concern regarding travelling independently on the train and many felt they would like to carry out training on how to stay safe. This was a transition event so students were considering where to go next with regard to work or study. Discussions on choice of mode of transport were valuable at this point to make all options known. By the end of the event two youth community groups had asked to book ITTT and more will be re-contacted in the future.

Key Facts

-  **14** educational establishments and organisations for SEND young people engaged
-  **2** ITTT events booked through contacts made at the event

“ ITTT would be great for boosting confidence ”
“ This would be great for our young people ”

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