

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT EXHIBITION – HINTS AND TIPS

A crucial aspect of project or inquiry-based learning is the public presentation of learning. In light of this, provide your students with the opportunity to present, exhibit, display, and explain their learning to an outside audience, including parents, professionals in the youth sector, local council representatives, and school leadership.

Public presentation of learning serves a number of different purposes, including creating a sense of accountability in students, encouraging deeper engagement in the project and its details, and ensuring that the project and all of the work that goes into it is applied to the real world and is acknowledged by people from the 'real world'.



The exhibition of learning doesn't need to be excessively formal - imagine the likes of a trade show, a modern art exhibition or a science fair; an informal sharing of ideas by the people representing them.

If your school has an integrated learning center, a library, a hallway or an outdoor courtyard, you have a venue for the exhibition. Your class can set up tables to sit or stand at, and they can use the walls, a projector and screen, a stereo or a computer screen to display the artifacts that they collected throughout the project as evidence of their learning when they are informing their audience of their project details and outcomes.

If you and your class wish, you could split the session into two sections - a less formal time, where the audience wanders around to each group and hears and overview of their project, before moving onto a more formal group presentation section.

Alternatively and depending on the decision made and justified by students, the exhibition may consist of only informal sharing of learning or only formal presentations.

An important thing to remember when deciding on how to exhibit learning is that it should be done in a way that reflects the real world. For instance, you could even ask around with the people you know about what they do in their workplaces to share learnings.

Good luck with your class's exhibition - the work students do in their Social Action Project and the learning that they will experience from presenting their journey will be worth the effort that an event like this requires!