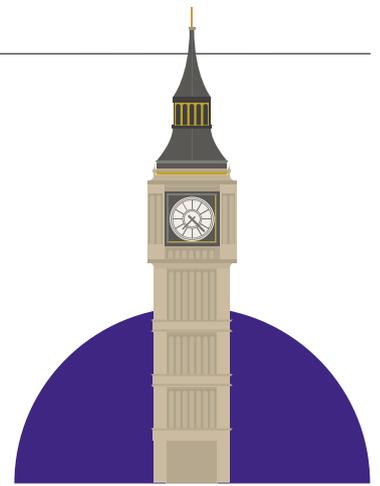


# Highlights from IDEA United Kingdom (UK)



Our experiential learning programmes develop leadership skills that lead to improved emotional capabilities such as self-esteem and resilience, improved employability skills including team working, presentation skills and problem solving.

We have five main programme proposals that are all centred on ideas:

## – Ideas Clash!

Our introductory debate training Ideas Clash encourages young people to argue with their elders on a topic they feel comfortable with, their own pop culture.

IDEA empowers young people to argue and speak in public debates with the older generation on the value of their own pop culture - Hip Hop, Graffiti Art or even comics, against that of their parents' generation or established 'high' culture of classical music, the arts and novels. We want to open the eyes of young people to the breadth of culture and to build their self-esteem, to empower them, building social and cultural capital so they can take a more active part in society. Once they have debated their side of the argument, we ask both generations to debate the opposing viewpoint, giving them the opportunity to learn more about each other's perspectives.

Ideas Clash! will provide a fun and engaging environment through which we provide training in communications skills; public speaking, active listening, critical thinking and analysis.

## – Challenging Ideas

Challenging Ideas is an intermediate course which challenges young people's viewpoints. A more in depth debate training with a more serious topic than Ideas Clash! Challenging Ideas takes young people out of their comfort zone to look at both sides of an issue that matters to them. Under Challenging Ideas young people will debate issues such as religious extremism and civil liberties. Young people who have enjoyed Ideas Clash! can graduate to undertake Challenging Ideas.



## – Pioneering Ideas

Pioneering Ideas is a mentoring and training programme for young people who have completed Ideas Clash and Challenging Ideas to set up their own debate club in their community and to run their own public debates.

Pioneering ideas is a training for trainers course for young people. It teaches them the skills, and provides the exercises and resources, to teach others what they have already learnt in earlier courses. They are then given support for the training and organising the debate to enable them to train their own peers.

## – Enterprising Ideas

Youth unemployment is one of the biggest challenges facing many countries in Europe and the UK is no exception. Enterprising Ideas uses debate education training to teach the skills many marginalized young people lack. Enterprising Ideas focuses upon communications, presentation, critical thinking and analytical skills while also boosting confidence and self-esteem for those who are not in education, employment or training. It is a flexible course that can be tailored in length and content depending upon the needs of the particular group of participants.

## – Understanding Ideas

Understanding Ideas is a capacity building training for trainers workshop to engage youth workers, community development professionals and tutors to introduce our debate skills toolkit to their delivery and how to run a youth-led debate on issues relevant to young people.

*IDEA UK's mission is to promote social inclusion.*

*Our ultimate goal is for marginalised young people to improve their educational attainment, develop a greater cultural understanding, tolerance and awareness and build up a positive aspiration and outlook in life.*

