



Year 10 students complete their final challenge as Community Apprentices.

A group of 12 students from Year 10 have now completed [Envision's](#) Community-Apprentice programme, an inter-school competition where young people work in teams to raise awareness and funds for a local charity chosen by them. Team SDL have been supporting Street Doctors, a charity who works to prevent knife crime through a practical approach of teaching basic first aid skills and highlighting the effect of violent crime.

After 13-weeks as Community Apprentices, Team SDL have completed three challenges: an awareness raising challenge in their school, a fundraiser at a local business and a pitching challenge, where they presented their journey at an inter-school event. The team competed against four other schools to demonstrate they have shown the best use & development of determination, confidence and teamwork as well as an overall commitment to make a difference in their local community.

Over the course of the Community Apprentice competition, Team SDL have raised money and spread awareness about their charity to 250 students in their school, dedicating 241 hours to their project. Team member Savanna also received a Jack Petchey Achievement award, nominated by her peers as recognition for her continuous efforts and leadership within the team, notably going above and beyond throughout the project!

The Fundraising Challenge

The team's fundraiser was held at the offices of their business mentors, Inmarsat. The team ran several activities which directly linked to their charity. Their activity 'lets talk about blood' tested employees' medical knowledge, whilst 'test you luck' led to a number of entertaining forfeits! The students also used fantastic initiative, reaching out to local businesses to ask for raffle prizes. Throughout the event, the team showed fantastic confidence, approaching employees to advertise their activities. Their use of initiative and creativity also impressed their mentors, creating an extremely fun atmosphere at the event! Through their activities the team raised an amazing **£167.10!**



The Pitching Challenge

For their final challenge, the students presented in front of a panel of judges and four other school teams about their journey on the Community-Apprentice. The team showed a great amount of creativity in their presentation. They used their learning from the Street Doctors workshop to prepare a powerful opening, educating the audience on basic first aid using the acronym 'A ALERT'. The presentation continued using their awareness raising activity as a visual aid and concluded with a powerful spoken word written by members of the team.

The presentation included the teams' journey on the Community-Apprentice programme and the key employability skills they have developed. The team also had the opportunity to reflect on this with their business mentors after their presentation. One of these skills is confidence, reflecting on the programme one student said 'Envision gave me the opportunity to become a better person and make new friends.' Another student highlighted how the programme has helped her teamwork, saying 'I've learned how to work as a team and share ideas, also how to be confident and not shy.' The team showed fantastic determination through their journey, expressing 'we have learned a lot of things and worked really hard as a team.'

It was great to celebrate all that Team SDL have achieved at this inspiring inter-school event.

