YEP Success Story 2020

MISS CREATIVITY

QUARANTINE! QUARANTINE! WE ARE LEVEL 4! What does this even mean?

Ok we are leaving work at 10am Tuesday the 23rd. Work has made the call. We are closing the office doors. I am scared. We are due to start YEP on the 24th. Is this possible now? NO WAY. We struggle to engage sometimes let alone over a computer, but we need to support our youth.

ZOOM became our lifeline. HEY YEP students, let's all meet on zoom-. Guys you need to download zoom and then we will figure it out together! I have no clue myself but I am expecting 10 youth to do a programme that is new! WE HAVE MET ONCE. I am guessing this is a NO for success rates.

Zoom starts off. We are meeting 3 times a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11am till 2pm. Over the weeks ahead we do start to build some beautiful relationships. We are getting to hear the snippets of their world in its normal state.

One particular young lady found it hard to keep her eyes on us for long. I am all for asking straight up so my question starts with, "Hey MISS CREATIVITY, what you doing?"
Quiet response is," Not much." I then say, "Ohhh you seem like you're busy? What you doing?"

 I am a mum and with that comes being super nosy if something spikes my interest. A very shy response was, "I'm making felt creatures." What are they I'm wondering? So we want more details. Miss Creativity has never mentioned a hobby.   Well then this conversation comes up. There is a world of talent here. This young lady makes earrings and jewellery and knits. Just needed to ask the right questions.

How do we support youth enterprise – well we get her to the market of course! Miss Creativity sold a few items at this and then one of our staff took her to a gallery where she later sold $250 worth of jewellery and also got a real view into sales and the talent she has. This was a great experience of support from a wider circle introducing youth to the different opportunities out in the wide world.

Photo is of Gregor made by Miss Creativity.