

Skills Challenge – Week 2 Leadership

Leaders support, encourage and develop others to achieve a shared goal. Good leadership requires a range of different skills such as good communication, problem solving and planning and well as characteristics such as confidence, drive and discipline. Developing these skills to become a good leader takes time. These skills are particularly helpful when working with peers in a team. The main aspect of good leadership is understanding the people you are working with and finding out their strengths and weaknesses in order to adapt to achieve the best outcome. www.skillsbuilder.org

Here are some activities for you to take part in to help develop your leadership skills. Once completed, send evidence to us at childrensuniversity@wakefield.ac.uk and we will send you a stamp code for 1 Learning Hour per activity.

Activity 1 – This game requires a large indoor or outdoor area. Divide the children into two groups and give them enough blindfolds for everyone except one member to put on. The teams are placed at opposite sides of the space. The child who is not blindfolded is required to lead their team to the other side of the designated space, using clear commands. Try to avoid your team members bumping into the other team!

Ensure that each member of the team has an opportunity to lead the group. The winner is the team that sees its members successfully cross the finish line.

Activity 2 – Brainstorm with your parent/carer about what traits a **good** leader would have. You may come up with words such as 'motivate' and 'respect'. Think about your ideas and words in more depth. For example, how would you motivate others and what does respect look, feel and sound like. Can you think of any good leaders? Think about what would make a **bad** leader? Can you think of ways you can be a good leader at school with your friends or at home with your siblings and how this could benefit everyone? Put your ideas for both into a list or spider diagram.

Activity 3 – Drawing task. This activity requires two people to sit back to back. One person will need an image and the other person will need a pen and paper ideally on a clipboard or hard surface. The person with the image must give the other person step by step instructions on how to draw the image they are holding without telling them exactly what it is. When this activity is completed you can talk about how successful the end result was, what went well and what didn't.

Have fun and don't forget to send us photos or videos to claim your stamp code.