

Capturing the 'Learner Voice' Inter-work experience case study

Shaun is a student on the Inter-work programme with Groundwork South Tyneside and Gateshead. He carried out his placement at South Tyneside College within the Faculty for Media and Music Technology. He worked with Orbital Radio in developing his skills in broadcasting and has made the following account about his experience and future plans.

Podcasting by Shaun

'A Podcast is an audio file that can be uploaded to the internet and then used for a radio broadcast or downloaded to ipods and mp3 players.

I have been learning how to make podcasts as part of my work experience with Adam in the Music Studio at South Tyneside College.

I have been focusing on Sports Journalism for my Podcast recordings.

First of all I do what is called the research. I use various sporting websites and news feed such as BBC for new stories to talk about. I also write reports about matches I have watched either at St James Park or on TV, Sky or BBC.

I write down recaps and reviews of what I think are the best stories. I do this in Microsoft Word using bullet points for headlines.

Sometimes I practice but usually I just go for it and we are ready to record.

I record each clip separately using a Voice recorder. I learned to use the voice recorder from William in Interwork lessons at the start of term. With Adam I have learned to record myself. At the moment Adam edits the audio files together using the computer in the Music Studio. Perhaps by the end of the course I will be able to give this bit a shot myself.

We then put the files onto a CD or we can send them by email.

I've enjoyed it and the football podcasts are my favourites. I've gained experience, confidence and new skills. I'd like to give it a go for a job when I leave college.

I also write a column for the Interface newsletter. My topic is Football. It is more simple than the Podcast because it is only one sport and in the Podcasts I have talked about other sports such as the Olympics and Motor Sport.

I have recorded 8 or 9 podcasts now and written 7 articles for the newsletter.

I'd probably like to do this next year here at college if I can.'