



Some things you can
do NOW to develop a
clearer picture of your future

ACTIONS TO MAKE YOUR WORK INSPIRATION EXPERIENCE COUNT

- Review your "Reflection activity" and think about how you can apply what you learnt.
- Think about Work Inspiration and consider what you liked about this workplace.
- Do you want to work at the Host Employer? Were there jobs available? If so what do you need to do? Can you follow-up with the employer contact or a mentor?
- Do you want to work in the industry? If so make a plan – develop a network and talk to people in the industry.
- To work in your desired job or industry do you need special school subjects and do you need post Year 12 study?
- If you didn't like the Work Inspiration jobs or industry – WHY? What other job or industry would you like to investigate?

DEVELOP YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

What is it? – A 'career development statement' is a dynamic brief statement about YOU and the goals you set for your career. It should be something that inspires, energizes, motivates and directs you.

Refer to your "Reflection activity" and think about what you want to achieve in your career - the major accomplishments you hope to attain, the level or position you hope to rise to, and the lasting impacts you hope to make.

Think about where you are now and what drives you. Imagine yourself in the future at a point in which you have achieved great career success. What is it that you have accomplished? What does your life look like?

REMEMBER, a mental idea of your career development statement is not enough. You must write it down on paper. Then tape it up on your wall, ideally where you can see it every day. Or better yet, on your bathroom mirror, so you see it and review it each morning. If it needs to be changed or modified over time, continue to make changes. Keep your statement in sharp focus in your mind. As you zero in on your larger goal, your short-term goals will also become clearer.

CREATE YOUR PERSONAL CAREER BOARD

You prepared a 'career board' at Work Inspiration detailing an employee's career journey. Now create a career board (or goals poster) for yourself using your career development statement to get you started.

You will need: Large cardboard sheet, glue stick, coloured felt pens, scissors, glitter etc.:

Create your career board by thinking about your career development statement and look for pictures in magazines that illustrate your goals and dreams and the steps you need to take to achieve them. Use words and colours that motivate you. Place your completed career board somewhere where you can see it and review it regularly.

Remember that your goals may - and most likely will - change as you move closer to them. When looking at your career board if you feel that it needs updating - make a new one.

