



9<sup>th</sup> November 2009

### **Six take over for 11 Million Takeover Day**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November thousands of young people from across England took over jobs, swapped roles and worked alongside adults in schools, police forces, fire brigades, charities, businesses, the media and many more.

The Young People's Centre in Penzance joined in the mass takeover when six young people from Cornwall - Sam from Richard Lander School, Josh and Martin from Camborne School, Rebecca from Hayle, Michael from Humphry Davy School, and Emma from Penwith College - took over as Team Leader for the day as part of this year's 11 Million Takeover Day.

Team Leader, Mandy Jackson, had her job role taken over by the six young people from Cornwall. They took her calls, sorted out her diary, put in phone calls to their 'new' team of Personal Advisers, and wrote to attendees of an event on her behalf.

In the afternoon the young people worked on the helpdesk where they got to meet and greet people. They also helped sort out the library, rang local colleges to find out about upcoming open evenings and e-mailed this information to Mandy's team.

All the young people agreed they really enjoyed the experience, and it was good to see what the centre's staff do and how busy their schedule is. They would all do it again next year. Martin said: "I found it very enjoyable", while Michael said: "Brilliant! We learnt lots of skills and how to communicate with people."

Organised by the Children's Commissioner for England, Sir Al Aynsley-Green, Takeover Day encourages organisations across England to open their doors to children and young

people so that they can swap roles and work alongside adults, and see for themselves the processes behind the decisions made in the world of work – some of which affect their daily lives.

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