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## CASE STUDY: Best Practice Event

**Date:** 29/2/08

**Location:** i Centre, Oakham Business Park, Mansfield

**Hosted and presented by:** **no limits**

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Friday afternoon at the end of a hectic day and hectic week. How do you get everyone focused on 11-18 progression in enterprise learning? The “Black Bag Challenge” – what else?

Fantastic, original haute couture, was created by enterprising teams of teachers and local council officers. From the ultimate in recyclable maternity wear for the environmentally conscious mum to be to the most creative wedding dress ever our teams came up with exciting concepts in designer gear. This was all part of the Best Practice Event, held at the i Centre in Mansfield, for schools and districts participating in the Enterprise Academy project.

Hosted and presented Enterprise Academy project leaders, **no limits**, the hugely successful Best Practice Event brought together developments and ideas from participating schools. All the schools presented what they'd been working on with the Academy and shared their plans for future developments. A highlight was hearing views from students at Sutton Centre School as they explained what they'd done and what they'd learnt in their year 8 enterprise programme via the evaluation DVD. Their message was clear, they learnt most when they were actively doing things and all had developed their teamwork skills as well as much more sense of business.

All the schools presented where they were and what they were working on which clearly demonstrated that, through the work of the Enterprise Academy, enterprise programmes and activities are being developed for all ages. It was clear from the day that programmes are developing all aspects of young people's enterprise capability including business understanding, financial capability, creative thinking, teamwork, problem solving etc. It was valuable for all to learn from each other and take ideas back to their own school.

Feedback after the Best Practice Event was extremely positive and all wanted to have a similar event in the Autumn when 3 additional schools will join the Enterprise Academy Project.