Community Project Exercise

An important local community project is to take place and requires the assistance of large numbers of workers to get under way. The Project Manager is looking for people to assist with the project, and has approached your school/college for teams of workers. With no specific jobs in mind, the Project Manager has asked that students join a group that enjoy certain types of work.

Read the descriptions of the groups as described below.

1 Imagine yourself joining the group of people you would most enjoy being with. Enter the letter corresponding to that group into the center of the diagram in the 1st place.

2 Imagine that the project manager announces that he has enough people in the group you just joined, and requests that you join one of the remaining groups. Imagine yourself joining the group you would next most enjoy being with. Enter the letter corresponding to that group into the center of the diagram in the 2nd place.

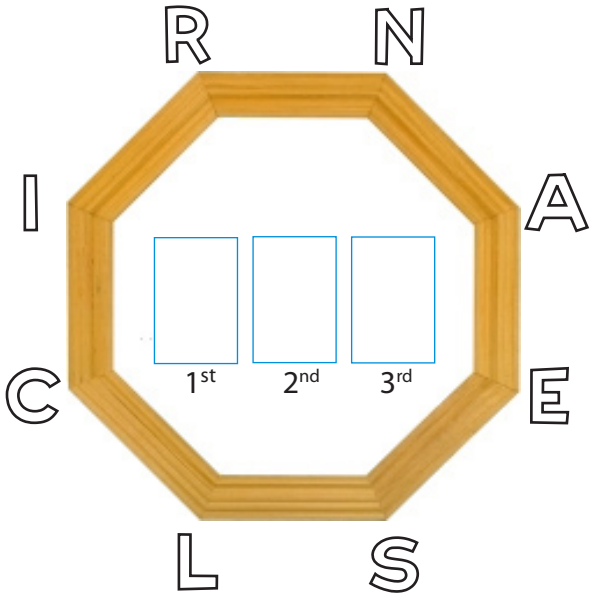
3 Finally, select the third group that you would enjoy joining and mark this in the third place in the center of the diagram.

Realist
People with mechanical ability, who prefer to work with objects, machines, tools etc. People who build, craft and perfect things. People who like to be physically active when they work.

Naturalist
People who like to work with the land, animals or plants, or on the sea. People who enjoy being outside and physically active. People who like to work with natures' produce - such as food, herbs etc.

Investigative
People who like to work with ideas - to develop, observe, learn, investigate, analyse, evaluate, apply logic or solve problems.

Administrative
People who like to work with data - and who may have clerical organisational or numerical ability. People who like routine and have a systematic approach to their work.



Creative
People who have artistic, inventive or intuitive abilities and like to work in unstructured situations using their imagination or creativity.

Enterprising
People who like to work with people - influencing, persuading, leading or managing them. People with a good eye for a deal or opportunity.

Linguistic
People who enjoy the creation and exchange of information through writing, books, electronic media and the spoken word.

Social
People who like to work with people - to inform, teach, help, train, develop or cure them. People who like a lot of personal interaction in their work.

The letters you entered in the center of the diagram form a code (e.g. IAR, NRS etc.) which can be used to link your choices to occupations that are characterised by people with similar interests to yours. You can use this information to help you select a career path.

A more complete measure of your interests can be made using a career interest test. You can take a full test online at www.careersportal.ie, and get a free printout and interpretation report with career suggestions.