DRIVING IT HOME:

TIPS FOR A GREAT WORKSHOP

• Communicate a Direct Application to the Real World – this matters a lot to the girls and will inspire them about what you do

• Less is More – Do less better

• You’re awesome, but you’re still only one human: Bring lots of helpers and keep frustration and confusion to a minimum

• Self-reliance and resilience: We all want them to get it right, but providing opportunities to fail, try again, and succeed are key to their development

• Give Affirmation for success/ participation

• Be Organized: (they’ll notice) and deliver content/ instructions multiple ways (e.g. written on the board, paper hand-out, verbal instructions)

• Give them something to take home! Girls love to show pride in something they made or did, and they love to take a handout or experiment home or to their teach back

• PRACTICE your workshop with students, see what works and revise it before the big day

• Attention span is short. Keep lecturing to <5-7 mins and tell them exactly how long it will be.

• Plan multiple tracks/ additional activities for beginner/ advanced or faster/ slower workers

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