

Doncaster Entrepreneur of the year 2008 supporting learners in schools through the DE4L Network

After recently collecting his award from Doncaster Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise, Chris Harrison (Tech Support UK Limited) has now joined up with the DE4L Network, to take action on skills development by engaging with Doncaster's future IT professionals.

After leaving school with very few qualifications, through hard work and determination, Chris has now developed into a self made, successful business man. As a recent student at Doncaster college (IT Business Degree course), Chris is fully aware of the challenges faced by learners who are looking to develop the skills needed to enter the IT industry.

Chris states *"The IT industry moves very quickly and as a consequence the knowledge and skills needed by employers are constantly being updated."*

School and college staff have great difficulty keeping up with industry needs but I have found teaching staff value employer support very highly".

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Keith Glanvill - DE4L Network Manager (Left) welcomes Chris Harrison to the DE4L Network.

Through DE4L Network membership, Chris has now been linked up to Armthorpe School; where he is using his knowledge and expertise to ensure content in the IT Diploma is relevant to employment in IT. (IT Diploma is due to be rolled out in Doncaster September 2009). Chris has also agreed to take IT student on work placement at his new premises in Rossington.

Before being linked up with Armthorpe Chris completed the 'Effective Partnership Programme, which is a free employer training course, (**available to all Doncaster employers**). This course provides employers with an update on education and helps develop an understanding of how to support learners effectively.

The 'Effective Partnership Programme' runs regularly and information can be found on the DE4L website (<http://www.de4l.co.uk/calendar/calendar.asp>)