

DE4L Employer Network Action Groups – Informing and influencing education

Working within the Success Doncaster Programme, during January and February 2009, the DE4L Network team ran their first four employer action groups in Doncaster.

Doncaster employers often highlight 'skills issues' as their main area of concern when questioned about the potential for company growth and future job security in the borough.

Employer Comment:

Skills shortages are a major problem in my industry. Through involvement in the DE4L project and via attendance at the DE4L Action Groups I feel I am now better informed and connected at the appropriate level within the education sector enabling me to assist with the bridging of the skills gap.

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Feb 4th St Leger Horse Park - Doncaster employers turn out in force to take action on skills development in Doncaster, despite the inclement weather

The DE4L project has been developed specifically to improve partnership working between employers and learners within Doncaster, in order to help address these skills issues. The 'employer driven' DE4L Action Groups will provide awareness of partnership activities and enable employer needs to be recorded. This information will then be used to populate the DE4L website.

The DE4L website can then be used to influence the work related curriculum within Doncaster's Schools, through 'enterprise partnership activities'.

The agendas within these meetings included:

- Local business needs – how can the DE4L network team help you?
- An update on the new Diploma qualifications
- Information on employer partnerships activities with learners

Business attendees: Agemas Park: Ardagh Glass: Allotts Accountancy: CC Electrical: Construction Skills: Northing Aluminium: Doncaster Build: Strata: Connexions: Directions Finningley: Castle Park: Royal Mail: Business & Education South Yorkshire: The Dome: Frenchgate Shopping Centre: Tricon Foundation: Equine Veterinary Centre: Power Fuel: Rossington Community Development Trust: Lux Hair & Beauty: Oracle Training: Engage Training: Higher Rhythm: Tech Support UK: WAK Studios: Yorkshire Fame Academy:

We want to help Doncaster's learners develop skills in line with local employer needs.
All local employers, regardless of size or type can help.

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