

**Name: Sharon George**

**Organisation and role: The Armthorpe School**

**Industry experience: Tesco, Debenhams and Directions The National Aviation Academy**



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Armthorpe School teacher Sharon George found that spending time with three major companies was a valuable exercise that helped her understand new developments in business and increased her knowledge to pass on to her students.

Sharon spent time at Directions The National Aviation Academy, Tesco and Debenhams, shadowing various job roles and looking at different sections of each company's business function.

She believes that spending time with businesses is a valuable exercise to help teachers understand the developments and changes in their subject areas.

She said: "After you've been involved in teaching for a number of years it's important to see real businesses as they change over the years and new procedures being put in place, especially when teaching in business and enterprise subjects. It's important to see the changes otherwise you are unfamiliar of theory in practice."

Now Sharon is taking what she's learned back to the classroom where her students will benefit.

She said: "This experience will ensure I can share up to date business practices with the students in the key subjects I teach. Businesses change and procedures are constantly updated, which is difficult to achieve in teaching as we don't normally get access to these work related experiences."

Not only does the DE4L project help update teachers, but Sharon says it is a great opportunity to develop important external links which are a clear benefit to the school.