

Doncaster employers are 'shown the DE4L' for local regeneration and enterprise plans

Doncaster employers were invited to take a closer look at some of the area's regeneration plans and the benefits of working with schools across the borough when they took part in a special tour.

Organised through Business and Education South Yorkshire as part of the DE4L Network project, the June tour took in the Holmescarr Community Enterprise Centre, Hayfield School and Directions Finningley. The tour group was drawn from local businesses across all sectors and all were welcomed at the start of the tour by Keith Glanvill (DE4L Network Manager). Formerly Rossington's primary school, the building had been empty for seven years before the Rossington Community Development Trust took on a 25-year lease to redevelop it as an incubation centre for local people interested in starting their own businesses.



Centre Manager Phil Mann told the visitors about redevelopment plans for the Rossington area, which includes an inland rail port and an eco-town development.

The tour then moved on to Hayfield School where head teacher Dr Sai Patel gave a presentation on the school's history, achievements and aims for the future. Dr Patel explained how Hayfield wanted to work closely with local employers and explore how the school could play a positive role in supporting their businesses.



The DE4L tour then visited Directions 'The National Aviation Academy', where they were told about the company's aim to ensure the international airport brings benefits to local businesses and individuals. Over the past three years, Directions has provided training for 6,000 people and entertained around

3,000 school children from across the North of England. Directions already work closely with schools and colleges across Doncaster.



Tour Attendees:

Agemaspark

(Paul Stockhill)

Community Spirit

(Christine Barratt-Spence)

DE4L Network

(Keith Glanvill)

DMBC

(Maggie Count)

Doncaster Rovers

(David Morris)

First Class Design

(Bill Elsom)

Future Associates

(Joanne Bushby, Tracy & John Bowler)

Jenkinsons Electrical Engineers

(Keith Atkins)

NEC Ltd

(Norman Edmanson)

NALD

(Kate Lavin)

Opus/Joynes Pike

(Rob Foord)

Rossington Community Development Trust

(Phil Mann)

TechSupport UK Ltd

(Christopher Harrison)

The Dome

(Linda Rush)

The Regeneration and Enterprise employer tour was the second one organised by the DE4L Network. Example comments included:

Paul Stockhill (MD Agemaspark)

"The tour provided a good overview of DE4L targets and it was interesting to see local opportunities and consider partnership ideas."

Maggie Count (DMBC 14-19 Employer Liaison Manager)

"The tour was informative and inspirational - a very effective networking event."

Rob Foord (Associate Joynes Pike)

"Attending this tour has helped me get a better understanding of opportunities and local school agenda"