

INDUSTRY: CONSTRUCTION

PROGRAMME: WORK INSPIRATION

ORGANISATION: CITB, WEST LoTHIAN

COLLEGE, DYW WEST LoTHIAN

SCHOOL: SECONDARY

CONSTRUCTION TASTER EVENT

The annual Construction Taster Event, run in partnership between DYW West Lothian, citb and West Lothian College, is an activity-based event targeted at Senior Phase pupils who have expressed an interest in pursuing a career in construction.



We invite pupils from secondary schools across West Lothian to undertake a number of practical workshops including:

1. Electrical Challenge
2. Stud Partitioning
3. Drywall Lining and Kitchen Fitting
4. Thermal Imaging
5. Plumbing
6. Electronic Testing
7. Automotive Hybrid Vehicle Safety
8. Mechanical Engineering



Through the provision of hands-on sessions, the event aims to give pupils practical experience of a variety of specialities within the sector, as well as allowing pupils to meet with current apprentices and to experience the college environment.

The most recent event was run in March as part of Scottish Apprenticeship Week, with 61 pupils attending from 8 secondary schools.

Feedback showed that:

- 96% of pupils found the event to be either worthwhile or very enjoyable and informative
- 77% of pupils were now definitely considering a career in the Construction Industry

The event had the added benefits of giving pupils an opportunity to speak with college lecturers about college courses in construction, to speak with current apprentices about the benefits of undertaking and apprenticeship as well as the chance to speak with an industry representative about working in the construction industry and running a small business in the sector.



"I have been thinking about what being a plumber would be like but I wasn't sure if it was for me. Getting to see a bit of what a plumber does and what they need to know has made me think that I might apply to college and do a plumbing course and then an apprenticeship."

FEMALE PUPIL, ARMADALE ACADEMY



"I found this to be a very positive event for our young people, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were more than happy to take part in all activities provided. They were all very proud of what they achieved on the day."

TRACEY ORR, PUPIL SUPPORT WORKER, CEDARBANK

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