

INDUSTRY: VARIOUS
PROGRAMME: SKILLS FOR WORK
ACTIVITY: INDUSTRY VISITS
BUSINESS: MULTIPLE
SCHOOL: CONNELLY ASN PS

SKILLS FOR WORK - INDUSTRY VISITS PROGRAMME

DYW West Lothian worked in partnership with Connelly ASN Primary School to design a suite of industry visits for pupils, aged 9-11, throughout the 2019/2020 academic year.

The DYW Regional Group were approached by the school for support with sourcing industry visits to enhance classroom topics and discussions about the world of work and future careers as part of the school's Developing the Young Workforce agenda.



The programme supported the Skills for Work element of the curriculum, which is pupil led and:

- Supports pupils' careers and employability learning in school
- Enhances class topics discussed in school (topics are led by the interest of the pupils)

A timetable of industry visits was organised to run throughout the academic year, based on areas of particular interest to the pupils - such as automation - with pupils attending those which were of most interest to them, complementing their educational and emotional needs. For most pupils, this was their first experience of meeting employers and experiencing the world of work and therefore presented an excellent opportunity to visit employers such as First Group Scotland, Paterson Arran, Krispy Kreme, Arnold Clark, Amazon and Witherby Publishing Group.

36 pupils in total completed one or more industry visits. Class teachers and support staff confirmed that after the sessions, pupils talked enthusiastically about their career aspirations and identified industry sectors that they could now see themselves working in. Furthermore, all host employers confirmed that the pupils engaged with the experience during their visit, with many employers wishing to take part in a similar engagement in the future.





“ This visit came about from the interests of the young people in my class who wanted to visit a factory to see some sort of mechanisation, robots, machinery etc. Due to the efforts of DYW and Paterson Arran themselves, the visit was an astounding success. The class were completely engaged as they were given a tour of the workplace. It is difficult to hold these pupils’ attention as they all have quite difficult individual needs, but they were met well and it is something they will remember and we can refer back to for the rest of the year. This trip definitely gave them a great introduction to what it would be like working in a factory such as this, as well as an experience they would never have had otherwise. ”

BARRY HUGHES, TEACHER,
CONNELLY SCHOOL



“ This type of experience is vital for our young people as they become comfortable with the idea of jobs and careers from an early age. This will ultimately open up their world to the endless possibilities and opportunities that they can eventually lead for themselves. ”

TEACHER, CONNELLY SCHOOL

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