

SISK Employer Talk 'Embedding Employability in the Curriculum' event

As part of a wider agenda to better link schools and local businesses, the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) and National Careers Service held a teacher training day, titled 'Embedding Employability in the Curriculum' on 21st September 2016.

The morning saw a series of workshops and activities for schools on how to bring curriculum lessons to life by engaging with business and industry. During the afternoon, there was a LLEP 'Skills for the Future' update on the latest skills research, an employer-led activity, plus the latest information from the Careers and Enterprise Company.

SISK Site Engineer David Allen gave an update on SISK, the industry and the sort of skills that they most value in young people.

He says: "The event provides a great opportunity to cascade information to multiple schools and colleges in one go and to raise awareness of the opportunities within the construction industry".



The event was well attended with over 60 teachers, heads and careers leads from Leicester and Leicestershire schools taking part.



Anna Cyhan, Economic Growth and Investment Officer at the LLEP, says: "We have had some fantastic feedback about how the attendees really valued the employers' talks, with some in particular mentioning how useful the SISK presentation was. It was also excellent that SISK conveyed across the range of opportunities available within the construction sector and some of the other aspects involved, such as travel. The sector is growing and I really hope that we can help to encourage young people to consider working in the industry, through our work with schools and colleges."

SISK are re-developing the former New Walk Centre headquarters site into a new mixed use development, which will comprise 50,000 square feet of office space, 54 new homes, a small amount of retail space including restaurants, and improve public realm to complement the attractive, tree-lined New Walk.