



Construction and the Built Environment

Type of Placement: One day group placement at CITB's National Construction College in Kings Norton Birmingham.

Curriculum Link: Design Technology, Construction, and Careers.

Summary of Main Benefits: The day's programme helped teachers/advisers and college representatives to:

- Understand the demands of the industry and the recruitment process for school leavers
- Forge links with the college and CITB construction skills for future activities/ visits having met apprentices, employers, tutors and recruitment officers.

Description:

The programme included:

- Gaining an overview and practically sampling the college's training provision specialising in groundwork's, scaffolding and roofing skills.

- Meeting apprentices, tutors and employers involved in the sector
- Hearing how the recruitment process works and getting valuable advice for applicants
- Developing useful links with CITB who offer support, resources, careers advice and activities for schools

Outcomes:

- Excellent feedback showed that 73% of teachers thought that the placement would have a lot of impact on future teaching and 26% said it would have a major impact.
- The college plan to run another similar day based on the positive feedback received.

Teacher Quotes:

- 'Real insight into construction college and great opportunity to try some of activities trainees will do'
- 'Inspired me to get involved in the delivery of the new construction course at school'



Delivery of Specialised Diplomas will in many cases involve partnerships between schools and colleges. Are you linking with your local colleges? PDPS can be an excellent opportunity for teachers to see college facilities and arrange taster days for students across a range of courses.