

Initiative Introduction

Our future Derby is a partnership project designed to introduce and engage primary school children in the changing world of work to enhance awareness, broaden horizons, raise aspirations and open a world of greater possibilities to the children, their families and their teachers.

Through comprehensive engagement with the schools, teachers, parents/carers, and local businesses, along with a host of volunteers, a programme of different interactive activities is being delivered in schools to help reinforce and change long term behaviours.

Volunteer Benefits

Being an **Our future Derby** volunteer not only supports the delivery of the activity programme but also brings so many other personal benefits, such as:

- Building your own personal presentation, communication, and leadership skills
- Increasing your confidence
- Learning new people skills
- Being challenged to do something out of your comfort zone
- Having fun and giving something back to society
- Help children by opening their eyes to their future possibilities

Read here about a volunteer's experience.



Volunteer

Keely Flavill

Company

Personal Safety Trainers

Industry sector

Health & Safety

The Business

Personal Safety Trainers is a Derby-based business which provides a full range of training and consultancy services to help organisations keep their employees safe while at work. Its services include tailored in-house personal safety, lone worker, violence & aggression de-escalation and self-defence training to help people to identify and mitigate their risks, de-escalate violence and aggression and defend themselves should a situation become physical. It also offers First Aid for Mental Health Ofqual registered courses. It was founded by Keely Flavill, an accredited training consultant who has over 25 years experience, creating and delivering simple effective training. Personal Safety Trainers have a wide range of clients from charitable organisations and SMEs to the NHS, Police Civilian Staff and G4S.

The Activity

Keely signed up for the **Our future Derby** project after hearing about it at a networking event. As a Derby-based business with a keen community focus, she liked the idea of getting involved with a local school to help inspire children to think about their future from a young age, so they have a goal to work towards. She took part in a 'Line-up Assembly' at the Ashwood Spencer Academy, in Allenton, alongside a radiographer, two female firefighters and an ex-Navy serviceman. The children were tasked with asking yes or no questions to everyone in the line-up, before trying to guess what their job roles were. After the exercise, the children were split into groups and had the opportunity to ask more questions to Keely and the other volunteers about their jobs and what they entail.

The Impact

Keely said: "This was a brilliant and really fun activity to get involved with and it was great to work with the children to give them a glimpse into what I do for a living and how I got here.

I never got opportunities like this when I was at school. We got very basic careers advice where someone came in and because I was a girl, they told me to look for jobs in admin and signposted me to a few local companies where I might find work and that was it. It wasn't very exciting or inspiring. I think investing in the next generation of businesses and talent is really important, which is why I wanted to get involved and put something back into the community. It has hopefully made a difference for the children I worked with and given them something to think about."

Get Involved

Would you like to get involved as a volunteer from the world of work and share your work experiences with our local children? We are looking for volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds in all forms of job roles.

Find out more at: www.emc-dnl.co.uk/ourfuturederby

Or register to volunteer at: www.bit.ly/ourfuturederby

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