

Our future Derby

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

Claire Storey

Company

Claire Storey Languages

Industry sector

Translation Activities

The Business

Claire Storey is an independent, professional freelance linguist offering translation and tuition services for German and Spanish. With a keen interest in literary translation, particularly books for children and young adults, Claire is also a contributor to the World Kid Lit Blog and her work has featured in the Antioch University literary journal, Lunch Ticket and she was shortlisted for the 2019 Goethe-Institute New Translation Award. Having started tutoring in 2009, she is experienced at teaching all age groups, from older adults who are learning for fun to GCSE and A-Level students who need help to pass their exams.

At the other end of the spectrum, she also runs a fortnightly Spanish group for toddlers.

The Activity

Claire signed up for the **Our future Derby** project after hearing about it via Education and Employers' Inspiring the Future initiative. She had previously volunteered at events involving older schoolchildren, so was keen to expand her skills and horizons by sharing her expertise with primary school children as well, to inspire them about a potential career with languages. She took part in an **Our future Derby** volunteer training day, before visiting local schools to take part in 'What's my Line?' assemblies. These involved inviting children to ask a series of questions about what she does for a living, to try and work out what her job role is. After Claire revealed what she did, the children were encouraged to ask more questions about careers involving languages.

The Impact

Claire said: "I'm always interested in going out and talking to people about languages.

Our future Derby seemed like a natural thing to do, because it gives me the opportunity to enthuse young people about language from an early age. Many children and young people in Derby are bilingual or multilingual and I want to encourage them to see this as a skills they. It's very much about connecting with children and making them think slightly differently about their skills how they might relate to what I had to say. Language is not just about a text book: it is about culture and opening your mind to new experiences. I feel it is my responsibility as a linguist to tell children and young people what they can do with a language and the benefits it can bring, not only to their careers but their lives as well."

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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