

Employability Week

Dearne Valley College devised this event to raise awareness of local employers, promote enterprise and increase awareness of opportunities in higher education. Students were encouraged to explore their options to help make informed choices. They gained an understanding of ways to develop their skills and experience by volunteering. The RAF challenged students to fitness and team building activities. Additionally, the RAF and Army spoke to the students about employment and educational opportunities within the armed forces.



“Working with the college has been a great opportunity to unlock untapped entrepreneurial potential. The students were positive and had great attitudes towards enterprise. Many people have potential but lack the motivation, confidence, experience and capability to be enterprising.”

Jane Walton, Head of Make Your Mark in Yorkshire and the Humber

Throughout the week, the following activities were available for all students to participate in:

- Meet Your Match (Voluntary Action Rotherham – matching students with organisations)
- Job Clubs (HE information, CVs, mock interviews, job and university application information)
- Enterprise Coaching - Irene Bailey and Darren McDool gave information on starting up businesses
- MashUp Competition – Students were challenged to create new ideas by mashing existing ones together
- Question Time (6 local employers answered questions presented to them by students about employment).



“The Meet your Match event held at DVC has been our most successful to date and we would like to thank staff and students for making the morning a success.”

Kerry McGrath, Youth Volunteer Development Manager from Voluntary Action Rotherham

The day was a great success! The service providers claimed the day was useful to them as they were given the opportunity to work directly with the students. Feedback from the students was very positive. Employability week helped students to recognise the importance of education and training. The day had such a positive outcome that it was decided that this will be run as an annual event!



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