

English teachers in the construction industry

We invited 16 English teachers to Stepnell Construction to learn how to link their English curriculum to the world of work, ultimately inspiring students and igniting their learning.

A unique collaboration between local English teachers and Stepnell Construction brought fresh inspiration to the classroom. Sixteen teachers took part in an interactive workshop that revealed how English skills, from storytelling to analysis, play an essential role in the construction industry.

Employees from Stepnell shared their experiences, showing that construction isn't just about bricks and mortar—it's also about communication, planning, and creativity. Teachers developed lesson resources with real-world links, including projects on conflict resolution, eco-site management, and even an Animal Farm-inspired windmill build.

The day left everyone energised, with lasting connections made between schools and the industry. Students will soon benefit from guest speakers, project mentoring, and workplace visits, bringing careers education to life through English.

Thanks to the Teacher Encounter with Stepnell Construction, students are set to benefit from exciting new links between English lessons and real-world careers. With support from Stepnell employees, these projects will be brought to life through guest speakers joining lessons, workplace visits, and even mentoring for student teams with winning ideas.

Teachers also left the event inspired, gaining a deeper understanding of how English is vital in a wide range of roles across the industry.



Testimonials

“The importance of careers in English, creating an awareness of the importance also. Destigmatising construction industry, and highlighting the need for English throughout.”

“Different responsibilities of jobs within these construction and how these apply to teaching English. I didn't know that analytical skills would be so integral to many roles until today.”

Next steps

The momentum continues with a follow-up session in April, where teachers will share how they've used the resources and exchange ideas across the network. Email connections have already led to collaboration between schools and industry professionals, including a student visit to Stepnell's workplace to support a live project.