



Making a Difference | At a Glance

Name | Taylor Neyliss

Company Name | Sellafield Ltd.

Job Title | Commissioning Technician (Mechanical)

About

Taylor went to Victoria Infant and Junior schools and then onto Stainburn School & Science College (Workington Academy). She chose this school as it was a science specialist school. After this she joined Gen2 to study Mechanical Engineering and did an apprenticeship. She was awarded A grades in all her A-Levels and went straight to work at Sellafield Ltd as a fitter. Following this she completed an HNC in Mechanical Engineering through Sellafield Ltd and then moved to be a Commissioning Technician, and is currently finishing an HND.

Involvement

PBP SkillsBlox Advisor at Victoria Infant and Junior schools. Each school taking part is allocated an Advisor to help deliver some of the activities and find local volunteers. Pupils are taken on a developmental journey to build their confidence and develop their skills. SkillsBlox promotes active learning, through reflection, and develops skills and knowledge and brings the children's learning to life.

Benefits

"I got involved to get more kids into engineering and to show that engineering is not just a man's job. I also wanted to support my old schools, when I was growing up I didn't get these opportunities and hadn't got a clue about what I wanted to do! I loved science at school and knew I wanted to do a job linked to science but didn't know what my options were. I also wanted to inspire the children who go to Victoria Infants and Juniors to get into engineering and science-based careers and to realise that it is a job that anyone can do.

Getting involved has helped me to develop my confidence. I've organised workshops and get volunteers into the school to help, this has required planning and lots of preparation – I have definitely increased my softer skills."



Testimonials

Would you encourage others to get involved, and if so why?

"I think it's a great programme and I think that it gives back to the younger generation and local community in a deprived area of Workington."

"Getting involved has helped me to develop my confidence."

"SkillsBlox programme has helped my own personal development, improved collaboration – as I now have excellent links to the school now and developing relationships with the children."

"The SkillsBlox programme is encouraging the children to think about different types of careers and its brilliant to see them getting involved, being interested, and learning new skills."

"The range of activities that are available through the SkillsBlox Programme gives the children an insight into the range of different options available to them when they get older and skill required to succeed."

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