

Students Give Scaffolding a Try



More than 300 teenagers were given a hands-on introduction to scaffolding at a construction industry taster day.

The Give Construction a Try event saw youngsters from more than 25 schools across West Yorkshire descend on the South Leeds Stadium for a careers day with a difference.

More than 30 exhibitors set up stall at the stadium, giving the pupils the chance to get to grips with a wide range of construction industry professions.

CISRS approved Training Provider Generation Altrad and NASC member Complete Access Scaffolding Ltd represented the scaffolding industry at the event – with the former using K'Nex models to let the young delegates build model scaffolds and the latter letting the teenagers try their hand with the real thing with on a pre-erected scaffold tower situated outside the main exhibition hall.

Dave Mosley, CISRS Scheme Manager, who also attended the event, said: “It was great to see so many youngsters get involved with scaffolding. Days like this are vital in promoting the various opportunities that are available to young people within the UK construction industry.

“Unless they have friends or relatives working within scaffolding, it can be overlooked as a career choice for young people. We want to highlight the fantastic opportunities it can offer not only as a qualified tradesman, but also through roles in site supervision, health and safety, scaffold inspection, design, estimating, training and ultimately management.”

