

INDUSTRY: VARIOUS

ACTIVITY: BUSINESS & EDUCATION NETWORKING

ORGANISATION: VARIOUS

SCHOOL: SCOTTISH BORDERS SECONDARY

## BUSINESS BREAKFASTS

Building relationships at a local level is an integral part of DYW Borders. Local employers are particularly keen to be much more involved with education and their local secondary school. Hosting and facilitating a Business Breakfast is the ideal way for education to develop local partnerships and industry links.

Hosting an event within a local school, highlights to industry that education need them to be part of the curriculum planning and gives them access to the future workforce at a local level. Through careful planning in partnership with education the DYW team worked with the school looking at the subject specific sectors that have committed to attend and then match them with the faculty within the school.

Following welcome and introductions the representatives from business were encouraged to network with heads of faculty, teachers and pastoral staff to discuss possible opportunities where industry skills, knowledge and expertise can be brought to life in the classroom.

Business leaders left feeling enthusiastic about how they can add value to their local school and the teachers were enthused as to take the suggestions and ideas forward.

Many positive follow ups were agreed including a visit to a young entrepreneur who had a well-established dog grooming business in the town, in addition several work experience and training opportunities being discussed.

The DYW team would encourage all schools to host a Business Breakfast.



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