

What's happening?

Best Practice on TLP KO2

SOUTHWARK EMPLOYABILITY FAIR 2015

Overview:

Working with Southwark Education Business Alliance, Siemens Thameslink ran a stall at Southwark Employability Fair 2015, held at Goldsmiths University (beside New Cross Gate Station). The fair was part of the wider National Apprenticeship Week initiative, which ran from 9 to 13 March 2015, which celebrates and promotes apprenticeships and the positive impact they have on individuals and the economy.

The event focused on employability skills for secondary school students from Year 9 and above. Students were arranged into groups of ten and visited several exhibits over the course of two days.

Sessions began with an overview of Siemens and the Thameslink program followed by an outline of Siemens' involvement in the latter as the signalling contractor and rolling stock provider. More detailed discussions were then held around apprenticeship opportunities in engineering, science and the rail industry.

A safety message was delivered to each group via the use of a level crossing replica. The model was created by students in Sheldon School (Chippenham) who had taken part in the Engineering Education Scheme (EES). The purpose of their project was to introduce new systems and modifications to improve safety at level crossings.

Benefits:

- Engagement with local schools
- Promotion of the Thameslink apprenticeship scheme
- Delivery of a Rail specific safety message to 20+ schools
- Cost efficiencies - expenses were staff time and promotional materials (pens, etc.)



Meeting our Objectives & Targets:

This initiative is aligned with *TLP Sustainability Strategy v5*:

- **Objective 4c:** Promote a safety message by carrying out 12 community initiatives, such as school visits, per annum
- **Objective 5:** 'to deliver a social legacy...to individuals within communities around TLP works' and specifically the target related to s106 obligations
- **Objective 7:** to 'pro-actively engage with communities around TLP...' and specifically the target to 'deliver an annual community improvement project