

Best Practice at Farringdon – Family Day

Overview

An employee family provides critically important support for the employee. Yet, in many situations, employees' families have never even seen where their spouse, parent, or child goes to each day to work. By having a day when you invite your employees' families to visit the workplace, you can help bridge this gap between work and home.



- Refreshments from Farm (local business)

Approximately 30 people attended the day with feedback from the children indicating the best part was the outlook from the windows onto Turnmill St and ITH works. Here the children were excited by number of cranes and crane activities.

Project information boards and a small exhibition about the area and the station were displayed.

There was a challenge from CSCS in which the children had to build a pipe and then fill it with water to check for leaks.



Innovation

On 20th August 2011 Farringdon station held a family day with a series of interactive activities for both adults and children. The idea was to organise a day out for the whole family and allow children to visit their parents' place of work.

Many activities were organised and included:

- Farringdon history exhibition with interesting project details
- View of the crane lifting in a section of the train shed roof from the upper floor of the building
- Children's activities such as jigsaw puzzles, colouring, copy and trace, dot to dot and maze puzzles
- Building with straws and pins
- Safety message – drawing competition
- Prize draw

Benefits

- A better understanding of family members' jobs and place of work
- Help employees make the constant transitions from home and work each day and make this important interrelationship better understood for everyone
- Improves corporate image
- Benefits local business

Targets and Objectives

The introduction of a family day at the Farringdon project has helped us meet our targets and objectives in the following areas:

- CEEQUAL – relations with local community and stakeholders
- Farringdon SDC strategy; relations with the local community, governance and project management.