

Thank you to all 2016/17 partner businesses Esh Group manage Building My Skills, a yearlong employability skills programme which provides students with a rounded introduction to the world of work through regular, timetabled business engagement sessions as part of the curriculum.

Now in its 5th academic year, the Building My Skills programme is delivered at no cost to any participant. It has received national recognition, including winning Business in the Community's National Big Tick for Education Partnership in July 2015.

We partner with schools for an entire academic year, with all students receiving 5 x 1-hour long employability guidance sessions, delivered by a business guest who provides insight into their career path, their sector and employability skills they value whilst providing support with the completion of a 'checkpoint' – a piece of the student's employability portfolio. Students who complete their employability portfolio and attend all sessions are offered a mock interview.

This academic year, we are proud to work with over 100 businesses to deliver Building My Skills in 80 schools across our operational regions. This has seen us engage with over 11,000 students and generate over 55,000 business student engagement hours.

Our 2016/17 Partner businesses

Efficiency North

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