

Joint Enterprise Day with IBM

Details

Clients Carillion Building & FM Telewest Contract

Date 9th November 2005

Location IBM HQ, Heathrow

Working with Green School for Girls Isleworth & Syon School for Boys, Longford School & Feltham Community College

Business Benefits

Raising the profile of Carillion with the local community

Positive employee participation

Learning and Development benefits for the staff involved

Promoting construction as a positive career choice

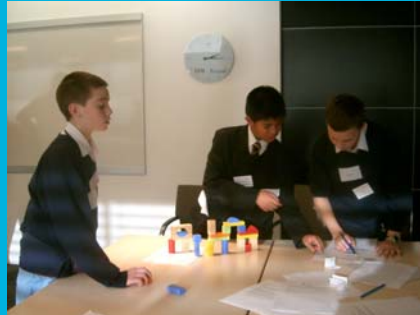


In the "Architects Office"



The Carillion team with Isleworth & Syon students

Activities with forty students!



Team 5 compare their structure with their notes

For European Science Week Carillion Building & IBM carried out a joint enterprise day at IBM's HQ at Heathrow.

Tizzy Bowman, Victoria Cordery & Sam Fryer from Building & Carol Welby & Stuart Preston from Carillion FM Telewest contract were in attendance when forty Year 8 students, ten each from four schools went to IBM for the day.

Carillion took two schools in the morning & the other two in the afternoon for ninety minute sessions of "The Building Game" which involves recreating a previously built (in another room) structure made of wooden building blocks. The students choose their profession from site engineer, project manager, quantity surveyor or builder & go through a series of steps in order to achieve their goal.

The task is quite difficult as it largely depends on memory however team working & problem solving are essential elements of the game. Numeracy is also important as the structure has to be built to a budget.

The Carillion personnel involved were the judges. The teachers were asked if they would like to make a team but they declined on the grounds that they might be shown up by the students!