

Eunice Bell, Head of Post 16 at Drumragh College in Omagh, Co Tyrone, decided to bring a group of students to Skills Northern Ireland because she wanted students to have the opportunity to speak with employers and trainers. She also wanted to pick up information and talk to others about apprenticeship routes.

## A teacher who brought a group of students to Skills Northern Ireland told us what she and her students thought of the event

### **Why did you choose to attend the event?**

"I have found over the last number of years I am having more and more students questioning me about going straight into the world of work or going down the apprenticeship route rather than going to university. I felt that this event had so much information to offer which I do not know myself as a teacher."

### **What were your thoughts on the event?**

"The event was terrific! There were so many employers and organisations to visit. The experiments and practical aspect of the event was great and much more beneficial to both myself and students. It is always good to see work in action, first-hand."

### **What was the response from your students?**

"They thought it was a fantastic event. I had such a wide range of abilities in attendance due to the nature of our Integrated College and all felt that they were being catered for."

### **What do you think the long-term benefits of attending are?**

"Students have had an opportunity to see there is life beyond Omagh! Many of my students had not even travelled up the motorway before. They realise there are many opportunities out there, if they look and take advantage of anything that comes their way."

