

RWE npower Sparks Interest in Engineering

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The npower enthuse day recently rolled into Cramlington Learning Village in Northumberland, where over 50 students took part in the one day educational experience. The students, aged 13 to 14, participated in a range of interactive activities designed to help them think about the impact science and engineering has on their daily lives.

The students were encouraged to think of ways to improve existing products or design a completely new concept, before considering the very real problem of how people can meet and reduce the UK's future demand for energy. These activities were followed by a 'facts and fiction' session where the students were given the opportunity to meet with engineering staff from npower (<http://thebrighterenergydebate.com/>). Throughout the npower enthuse (<http://education.npower.com/science-technology-engineering-maths/enthuse/index.htm>) day, the students took part in a series of hands-on activities relating to the power industry.

Enthuse, which is part of npower's Brighter Futures Programme (<http://education.npower.com/index.htm>), is a five year scheme designed to inspire and engage students aged 12-14 years old in science, technology, engineering and maths.

Head teacher, Mr Wise, Cramlington Community High School, said, "The variety of activities gave the students an excellent insight into what it would feel like to be an engineer. Also, the opportunity to meet with staff from npower has really brought today's activities to life and gave the students a great introduction into the world of work."

Dave Carlton, project manager of the environmental scoping for Blyth Power Station said: "The main purpose of today has been to inspire students in science and engineering and share with them the exciting opportunities that the energy industry has to offer."

In 2008 alone, npower enthuse days reached out to over 3400 students across the UK and this number is continuing to rise throughout 2009.

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