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Students tackle Horizon–sponsored STEM challenge

Could you design, build and operate a model rollercoaster built entirely of paper and cardboard?

That’s exactly what Year 8 pupils from schools in Anglesey and Gwynedd had to do during an event designed to showcase the excitement of working with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, commonly known as the STEM subjects.

The event was the first of five sponsored by Horizon Nuclear Power in support of the Reaching Wider North and Mid Wales Partnership, the Engineering Development Trust (EDT) and Techniquest Glyndŵr, who deliver the STEM family challenge sessions in local schools.

The events are designed to inspire students through fun, hands-on family activities that demonstrate how studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects can lead to exciting and fulfilling career paths.

The sessions also give pupils and their families the chance to work in teams and learn more about how STEM fits into the working world.

Around 80 students and their families took part in the first session at Ysgol Friars in Bangor. Horizon’s staff also spoke to the group about their own education and job roles, to give pupils examples of the different types of career paths they could take.

Paula Griffiths, Employer Engagement Manager of Reaching Wider North Wales, said: “We’d like to thank the Horizon team for their support in helping us to fund and deliver these sessions. It’s really important that we inspire students and make them think about the doors that open up to them when they embrace STEM subjects. We’d also like to thank all the students and families who took part and we look forward to seeing many more at our future

events.”

Rhodri Sellers, Horizon’s Education Programme Support Co-ordinator added: “We’re really pleased to support schools projects that show how exciting STEM subjects can be and that get young people thinking about the career paths they could lead to. The Reaching Wider North and Mid Wales Partnership does great work in this area which fits in well with our efforts to inspire young people and their parents in relation to the real opportunities that the Wylfa Newydd Project will create. We’re pleased the first event was such a success and we look forward to meeting many more students at the next sessions during the remainder of this academic year.”

For more information about Horizon’s plans for Wylfa Newydd, please visit www.horizonnuclearpower.com. If you’d like to get in touch, please call the Wylfa Newydd freephone hotline on 0800 954 9516 or email wylfaenquiries@horizonnuclearpower.com.

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Notes to editors:

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 to develop new nuclear power stations in the UK. The company was acquired by Hitachi Ltd of Japan in November 2012.
- Horizon’s development at Wylfa will represent a multibillion pound investment in North Wales. It is expected to create up to 1000 jobs during operation.
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Reaching Wider North & Mid Wales Partnership

- Reaching Wider is an initiative that is directly funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW).
- Our vision is to safeguard and widen access to Higher Education; to raise, to ever increasing levels, the aspirations, confidence and self belief of all people who live in Communities First and lower quintile areas; and to support and encourage social and economic development by establishing progression pathways to higher-level skills, higher education and employment where there are identified skills gaps.
- The aim is to achieve this by engaging all stakeholders in establishing multi entry/exit pathways to higher education and employment.

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