



## Media Release

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**Gaining skills for the future**  
**Photo opportunity: Nissan Sports and Social Club**  
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PUPILS will be learning a host of new skills which will help them in the future at an event which sees them linking up with local businesses. Young people will be taking part in a range of activities to gain skills they can use when they enter the world of work.

Students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College, will be taking part in the event. They will be learning from the expertise of several business people who have agreed to attend the day and run activities. During the day pupils will work in small teams and carousel around different tables to give them the opportunity to try new work related learning activities. All of the activities on the day will work build up the students' key employability skills, help build team work, or use their basic skills such as numeracy, literacy and communication.

Businesses supporting the event include: NECC, Army, St John Ambulance, Royal Navy, McDonalds, Pendragon Academy, T Mobile, Durham Police, Groundwork, Reynolds Outdoor Centre, Library and Information Action Zone, NERTG, Barclays, ASDA Distribution and Sunderland Social Directorate.

The Skills for Work Day at Nissan Sports and Social Club has been organised by Sunderland-based charity Education Business Connections Ltd (EBC). Business and Finance Co-ordinator for EBC Julie Kelly said: "The day is all about the pupils learning skills which they can use at school, but that will be useful for them when they leave and begin their careers. The activities on offer will build up their confidence as well as their literacy and numeracy skills."

Education Business Connections was formed eight years ago to support closer working between schools and businesses in Sunderland. It's success means that now the team delivers innovative educational programmes to children across Tyne and Wear.

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