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TEENAGE TRAINEES WELCOME ERDINGTON MP

Erdington MP Jack Dromey put his construction and childcare skills to the test when he visited a training organisation that has been tackling youth unemployment for more than 30 years.

He was very keen to meet learners at Enta CIC, a social enterprise that has helped thousands of teenagers secure training, apprenticeship opportunities and paid-for employment.

The high profile visitor was joined by Councillor Catharine Grundy (Labour / Kingstanding) as he toured Enta's training centre and construction workshop at Mill Wharf, Aston.

The duo dropped into Little Mill, Enta's nursery that operates as a social enterprise and provides valuable training opportunities for those interested in a career in childcare.

Before leaving, the MP presented 40 teenagers with certificates for their achievements in a variety of areas.

MP Jack Dromey, also Shadow Communities and Local Government Minister, said: "Enta is a lifeline for young people across the city who would otherwise have no hope of training or finding work.

"For a long time I have supported the work and impact of the organisation and it was really good to meet those young people who are trying to build a better future for themselves."

Kevin Hayes, Chief Executive of Enta, said: "Welcoming Jack and Catharine to Enta was a pleasure for our staff and our learners; we were all delighted to show off the great work we do here.

"Our organisation has evolved to meet the needs of some of Birmingham's most disadvantaged people and we really are making a huge difference – it was good that our local politicians had the opportunity to see this and meet the young people we are working with every day."

Enta CIC is a Birmingham based social enterprise that provides real life chances for local people and transforms communities.

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Notes to Editor – Enta CIC

Enta CIC is a not-for-personal-profit Community Interest Company that has been working across Birmingham since 1977 providing learning opportunities, training and guidance to help people prepare for paid employment. Enta also runs a range of social enterprises and the Lakeside Children's and Family Learning Centre, Kingstanding.



Construction tutor John Breen
with MP Jack Dromey and
trainee Thomas Stokes



Jack Dromey with construction
trainee Davian McKinley