

Inspiring Visit to World Class Company

The Faraday organised a best practice visit to Coca Cola on 6th April 2011, this was part of the i-Aspire programme which is an iNet funded initiative.

The purpose of these visits is to demonstrate, at first hand, some of the tools and techniques that are used by the country's leading companies. The visiting companies can learn the lessons learnt thus lowering the risk and inspiring them to adopt innovative ways of working. It prevents smaller companies from 'reinventing the wheel' and avoiding some of the pit falls and risks associated with adopting new ways of working.

27 people from a variety of companies attended the day and Coca-Cola really did 'pull all the stops out' in ensuring the day was a huge success including altering their production schedules.

David Walklate delivered a presentation of 'what the day was about' and Senior Managers of Coca Cola delivered presentations on the brand, the background to the company and the journey to world class. Coca Cola are one of the few truly world class companies in the UK and it was a privilege to have this insight.

The whole of the work force were empowered and involved and everyone we spoke to shared a passion for the business and for continuous improvement. They demonstrated all the lean tools and techniques they use including the shop floor based root cause analysis systems which means that problems are resolved on the 'shop floor' with the operators rather than behind closed doors.

They also showed the visitors the SIC (Short Interval Control) system they use that ensures that the hourly and daily efficiency targets are met.

The feedback we had from all the visitors was tremendous. Dale Kenyon from Greggs commented 'A fantastic opportunity to visit a modern, world wide leader in manufacturing'.

This is part of a series of best practice visits if you would like to know more or register for future events please email jenny.piecha@fpfaraday.com