

# Investing in the future of low carbon transport

How we're helping motor vehicle students at Kirklees College get hands-on EV charging experience

Kirklees College in West Yorkshire offers vocational courses to young people in subjects including construction and engineering. Its inspirational teaching in industry-standard, state-of-the-art facilities prepares its students for workplace success.

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## Building the partnership

At Drax Electric Vehicles, we're keen to support the public sector as a way to identify next-generation talent and invest in the future of low carbon transport. As part of this commitment, we're building a partnership with Kirklees College – a key developer of engineering talent in the Yorkshire area.

As part of our emerging collaboration, we donated EV hardware to the college to give students access to modern charging technology. This equipment mirrors the technology you'll find in fleet and commercial charging applications today.

## Real student advantage

Being able to work with real, modern charging technology will give students hands-on experience. It'll enable them to get to grips with the hardware to understand more about installation, fault diagnostics and maintenance.

This practical training – on-site in their workshops and classrooms – will help equip them with skills and knowledge to get ahead in industry. With demand for EVs rising and publicly states government targets, employers are looking for new talent with the technical knowledge to support the UK's transition to cleaner transport.



## Investing in innovation

As Adam Hall, Energy Services Director at Drax, explains, "We believe the next wave of innovation depends on giving students real access to the tools they'll use in their future careers. This donation is our way of supporting emerging talent in sustainable technology. We're delighted to work with Kirklees College to help nurture skills that will be essential for the UK's future."



Find out more in our video on YouTube



## Supporting vocational training

Steve Plumstead, Curriculum Director at Kirklees College, believes the collaboration with Drax Electric Vehicles will enhance the student learning experience.



This partnership means so much for our students. They'll learn not just from textbooks, but through hands-on experience with real, live EV systems. This is important for strengthening their readiness for future employers and supporting our mission to deliver cutting-edge vocational training.



Steve Plumstead  
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