

LANCASHIRE'S YOUNG PEOPLE GO 'SNOOKER LOOPY'

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Entry to Employment (e2e) learners from across East Lancashire found themselves chalking up their cues on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May at the Lancashire Work Based Learning Forum Snooker Competition with snooker legend Steve Davis.

Organisers The Lancashire Work Based Learning Executive Forum and North Lancs Training Group (NLTG), invited learners and training providers to the events held at Riley's Snooker Club in Preston and Padiham Snooker where they got the opportunity to rack up and compete to play with the six times world snooker champion, Steve Davis.

Raeleen Duthoit, Lancashire based Work Learning Executive Forum, Support and Development Manager commented, "The events were organised to celebrate the success of learners from the e2e programme, encourage team work and provide some good life skills. Four hours of Skills for Life sessions had been developed by NLTG to enable providers to embed snooker into their e2e curriculum offer prior to the event. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, even though Steve remained unbeaten!"

Funded by the Learning and Skills Council, (LSC), e2e exists to help young people aged 16 - 18 years old who are not participating in any form of post-16 learning to progress on to an Apprenticeship, further learning or a job. e2e focuses on developing learning in three core areas: basic and key skills, vocational development, and personal and social development.

Learners from local training providers including Blackburn College, Burnley College, Nelson and Colne College, NLTG, NACRO crime reduction charity, Beneast Training, EYS (Education Youth Service), Rathbone Training, Age Concern Training, Skelmersdale College and Training 2000 attended the events and took part in the challenges.

Ian Haworth, LSC Director of Area for Lancashire, commented, "The e2e programme is a great way of helping young people move forward with training and qualifications. It has helped many young people across Lancashire gain the skills and confidence to progress. Events such as this empower learners and reward them for their hard work. The event proved to be a great success and Steve was fantastic at showing everyone how it's done."

The events were topped off by the Steve Davis trick shot show finale which proved to be a great performance from the three times world trick shot champion.

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