



Site Visit Information

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About DBFL

- Fully Irish-owned organization, specializing in the planning, engineering design and delivery within the property, infrastructure, environmental & energy sectors.
- Established in 1987. Almost 40 years providing civil, structural and transportation engineering services
- Employing c.200 staff across four office locations
- **Engineers Ireland CPD-Accredited Employer**
- **Involved in STEPS school visits for over 10 years or more**
- **2026 brings our 6th Transition Year Programme**



Background

- Background to DBFL Transition Year programme
- Started 2021 online and now runs as a 3-day in-person programme
- 18-20 students from different schools
- 18-20 DBFL engineers involved each year, with oversight from Team Leaders



TY Programme 2021-2025

2021 (fully online)



2022 (one day online)



2022 Haymarket site visit



2022 Francis St site visit



2023



2023



2024



2025



Planning & Preparing for Site Visit

- Avail of any Engineers Ireland resources
- Arranging the visit
- Selecting the site location
- What stage project at?
- How to get there
- Contractor early communication
- Health & Safety inductions required?
- Information prepared to show students in office before going to site



Travelling to Site

- PPE gear in advance
- Buying rail/bus tickets in advance
- Travelling to site – route etc
- How many to accompany depending on group (and age)
- Opportunities to ask questions
- Demonstration: eg site surveying
- Access to site when you arrive



Post-Site Visit Practicalities

- Practicalities once site visit over
- Travelling back – PPE gear
- Site report on visit - option



Lessons Learned

- Preferably give them some information / background on site etc before they go out
- Assign them into small groups for site visit – helps keep them more focussed
- Where possible show new and innovative technologies
- Quiz at Start and Finish – see what they've learnt
- Give context to their own everyday experiences so they can relate to what you're showing them



Top Tips

- Involve as many people as possible in your organisation
- Plan, Plan, Plan
- Contact contractor or host as early as possible
- Check out health & safety induction requirements if applicable
- Something 'hands-on' that students can do when on-site – eg try out equipment, surveying etc
- Otherwise, a worksheet/quiz on-site or when they return etc
- Capture Lessons Learned so you can improve for the following year



Questions & Answers