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And if you're interested in specific stories or events, you can search the current edition or build up and search an archive library.

The e-edition of the Daily Post will be free for a month, and will then cost £7.99. It will complement the smartphone-compatible Daily Post website, relaunched only last month with a fresh new look.

# Work link project fits like a glove

By OWEN HUGHES

A GLOVE company is tapping into the creative minds of school pupils as part of a project aimed at improving the link between business and education.

Signature Leather and talented students from Rhosnesni High School teamed up in a scheme that saw the teenagers develop their own leather gloves.

Those ideas could be developed into future products while the pupils benefited from getting a taste of the world of work.

It follows a successful project between the firm and Yale College that has been highlighted by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills.

Tim Penn, founder of Signature Leather, Corwen, which specialises in producing gloves by hand, said: "This is of benefit to both the pupils and the company."

"They get the experience of working with a real live company while we get the opportunity to tap into the creative brains of young people."

"Young people can come up with fresh ideas and designs that have not been thought of. The ideas they create can go forward as prototypes and could go into production."

"It really is a terrific project and I believe the first of its kind involving a high school."

"I am very interested in the link between businesses and education and hope to now repeat this, there are already other schools showing an interest."



Timothy Penn of Signature Leather, Corwen and teacher Jennifer Williams with pupils of Rhosnesni High School holding gloves they made

Jennifer Williams, from Rhosnesni High School, Wrexham, said: "Last year I was approached by Gareth Hughes, our Head, to run a project with our Most Able and Talented students across Year 9."

"The aim of the project was to enrich the learning of MAT students through a live design brief which involved designing bespoke gloves for Signature Leather."

"The project involved Tim mak-

ing a presentation to the students to develop their understanding of the traditional Victorian methods used to make the unique hand made gloves. Students had the opportunity to try pairs of gloves to further develop their knowledge of construction techniques whilst considering the many possibilities and restrictions involved with designing leather gloves.

"The students went on to attend

an after school textiles club to design and develop a range of ideas which would suit the design brief set by Tim."

The designs they came up with were then produced and presented to the pupils at school prior to the summer break.

Jennifer added: "This has been a very successful project; a unique and exciting opportunity to follow a live design brief."

# Leftover timber helping uni and schools

LEFTOVER timber from a wood manufacturer is being recycled by Glyndwr University students to make jewellery and to fire kilns to make pottery.

The university's North Wales School of Art and Design (NWSAD) has taken delivery of £200 worth of wood from Inwood (Cymru) Ltd, based on Cefndy Road, Rhyl.

The company, which makes bespoke gates and

garage doors, has tonnes of surplus wood each year, with more than 20 schools and colleges in Cheshire, Conwy, Flintshire, Denbighshire and Gwynedd already expressing an interest in receiving some.

Large blocks of wood will be used by students at NWSAD on Regent Street, while smaller splints and off cuts will be recycled into kilns which are used to create pottery artwork.

Cerys Alonso, senior lecturer in applied arts, said: "We're always in need of raw materials to aid students' creativity and develop their talents as artists so we're very thankful to them for the donation."

Inwood director Jon Culshaw, who runs the firm with his dad Bill, said they came up with the idea to donate wood to the education sector a few

years ago. He said: "We've been amazed how wood no longer of use to us has been so beneficial to schools. Pupils at Denbigh High School, for example, have used it to make everything from bird tables to computer desks."

"If you're a big company with 200 plus people working for you you'd probably have a timber skip which gets filled then taken away to be recycled into

MDF or chipboard. But we're only a small company and just don't produce that kind of volume so this was an alternative solution to recycle the wood we had left over."

Inwood is keen to hear from other woodworkers interested in supplying schools with free wood in order to meet growing demand. Email enquiries@woodworkersuk.co.uk or call 01745 362444.

## education MATTERS

With Christine Evans, External Contracts & Projects Manager, Grwp Llandrillo Menai



COLEG Llandrillo has been involved for many years with "Welcoming" training.

These days, the course of choice is WorldHost, the only Welcoming training with the "Inspired by 2012" mark, recognising its contribution to the Olympic Games legacy.

We all recall how plaudits were given to the Games Makers at London 2012, most of whom took part in WorldHost training.

Coleg Llandrillo, as part of Grwp Llandrillo Menai, is working to incorporate this legacy of the Games Maker approach into our festivals and events here in North Wales.

In a joint initiative for the National Eisteddfod, which is being held in Denbigh this August, the College is working with Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru, Tourism Partnership North Wales and skills body, People 1st to deliver a series of bilingual training events during the last two weeks of July.

At this time, volunteers, residents and businesses of Denbigh will be gearing up for the excitement that the Eisteddfod brings to its chosen venue each year.

Alwyn Roberts, who is Deputy Organiser of the Eisteddfod and a licensed WorldHost trainer, will be working with College tutors to deliver the training events.

He is charged with developing the concept for the veritable army of volunteers who give of their own time at each Eisteddfod.

Alwyn said: "The National Eisteddfod welcomes around 150,000 visitors during the week."

"A number of these will be return visitors, but for some, it will be a completely new experience."

"The aim of our Here to Help (Yma i Helpu) volunteers will be to make sure that everyone is given a warm welcome and whatever assistance they require, to make the most of their visit to the Maes."

Volunteers at Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod recently held their course before the festival began.

They used it to motivate and inspire teams of young welcomers or "ambassadors" from local schools.

There is still time for those involved in the 2013 Denbighshire Eisteddfod to join in the training.

As a special incentive, these courses are free of charge to participants in the Denbigh area.

To find out about dates, times, venues and to book in, please ring the College's Business Point phone line on 0845 450 59 60.

Find out more about WorldHost at their website <http://www.worldhost.uk.com>.

(Tydi hi ddim yn rhy hwyr i'r rheini sy'n ymwneud ag Eisteddfod Sir Ddinbych 2013 i ymuno a'r hyfforddiant.)

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