

# Regional D&T Leaders get together to explore resources and ideas

Practical workshops, industry insight and collaborative discussion were at the centre of a recent training day for Regional D&T Leaders, helping strengthen support for design and technology teachers across the country. The event brought together educators, industry partners and Association staff.

Regional D&T Leaders from across the country came together for a day of practical activities focused on supporting and developing design and technology education in schools.

## Industry collaboration

The event brought together our Regional D&T Leaders, sponsored by Samsung, alongside industry partners Dryad, representatives from the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition, and Association staff to explore classroom resources, curriculum support and future programme development. The day opened with welcome updates from the Association before delegates took part in a series of workshops and feedback sessions.

Representatives from Dryad led a practical discussion around experiences of using D&T materials within schools, gathering honest feedback from teachers about what works well in the classroom. The session aimed to help shape future developments to better support teaching and learning.

Delegates also contributed feedback on the second year launch of the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow programme, discussing ways to further support engagement and identifying possible barriers for schools taking part.



## Hands on activities

Throughout the day, Regional D&T Leaders took part in hands on activities linked to Projects on a Page and Inspired by Industry resources. Working collaboratively, delegates explored how primary units can be delivered in practice before moving into secondary focused training centred around industry linked learning.

## Free Mamas & Papas context

During the Inspired by Industry workshop, Regional D&T Leaders ideated and prototyped concepts in response to a live brief from Mamas & Papas, encouraging participants to explore the resources fully and provide feedback.

*"This was a truly collaborative and practical day, with our Regional D&T Leaders receiving training on key D&TA resources that will directly support teachers in their regions. The feedback, creativity and shared expertise demonstrated throughout the day will also play a vital role in shaping our future work and strengthening the support we provide to schools at both a regional and national level."*

**- LOL CONWAY, CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

The event also included opportunities for Regional D&T Leaders to reflect on their experiences within the role so far, helping shape future development of the programme and identify areas for further support.

## Practical workshop activity

To conclude the day, delegates also took part in a friendly race challenge linked to the practical workshop activities, bringing a competitive end to the training while showcasing creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills in action.

## Regional networks and local expertise

Our Regional D&T Leaders are here to support teachers across your area. Sponsored by Samsung UK and working with the Design & Technology Association, they offer advice, share resources, connect schools, and highlight CPD and events. Whether you want to develop your curriculum, link up with other teachers, or simply have a conversation about D&T in your school, they're ready to help.

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