



# MEGA IMPACT

Manufacturing & Engineering  
Growth & Advancement

## September Highlights: Welcoming Our First Apprentice!

We're thrilled to announce an exciting addition to our team this month. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Anastazja Milczarek, our very first apprentice. Anastazja is currently pursuing a Foundation degree in Business Management, and we're excited to have her on board.



This month has been a whirlwind of activity for the MEGA team, and Anastazja's arrival is a testament to our commitment to fostering talent and growth within our organisation. We look forward to the fresh perspectives and contributions she will bring to our team.

Our membership continues to grow and with each new member our collective strength and impact grows. Stay tuned for upcoming events, initiatives, and ways to get involved. Together, we can achieve great things!

## A Memorable Afternoon for MEGA Network Apprentices

In an exciting and unforgettable afternoon, the apprentices of the MEGA Network had the incredible opportunity to meet Joe Kennedy III and the Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service, Jayne Brady. This encounter left a lasting impression on everyone present and apprentices, Daire, Jane, Lucy, and Dylan, had the privilege of engaging in a meaningful dialogue with Mr. Kennedy.



Several network member companies joined a round table discussion with Joe Kennedy and Jayne Brady to address manufacturing concerns. The round table discussion was a dynamic exchange of ideas and insights among industry leaders and experts. It served as a platform for sharing concerns, strategies, and potential solutions to enhance the manufacturing sector's resilience and growth. Sincere thanks to Mid Ulster District Council for inviting our members to participate in this event.

## School Engagement:

MEGA school visits are back and Elita visited Holy Trinity College & Rainey Endowed School, informing over 300 students of the career options in manufacturing & engineering.

Accompanying Elita were Jason Dripps, CAD/CAM Engineer from Moyola Precision Engineering & James Goffe, Design Engineer & Paul Purvis, Quality Control Manager at SDC Trailers, who spoke to students at Rainey Endowed School about their roles and what route they took to get into manufacturing & engineering.



# Explore Engineering Expo!

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Plans are well underway for Explore Engineering Expo! Engineering companies of all disciplines will attend the event on 18 October at Meadowbank Sports Arena. MEGA are grateful to Cavanagh Kelly, key sponsor for the Expo, who have kindly offered financial support to assist with the cost of transport for approximately 1,200 students to attend this event. MEGA would also like to say thank you to SDC Trailers who donated 10 promotional banners – one for each school attending.



## Cavanagh Kelly Sponsor Explore Engineering Expo...



“The Explore Engineering Expo promises to be an event filled with inspiration, education and exploration. It will provide a platform for students to interact with industry professionals, experience hands-on activities, and gain insights into the fascinating world of engineering. We believe that exposure to such experiences can truly shape the aspirations of our future engineers.

We are delighted to be key sponsors for this event and extend our gratitude to the organisers of the Explore Engineering Expo for their dedication in creating this remarkable event, we look forward to working together to inspire and nurture the next generation of engineers” – Catherine Martin, Partner

We are delighted to announce that Holy Trinity College, Cookstown student, Kayla O'Neill, has won the MEGA Art Competition for MEGA's new Illuminate Programme Logo! Kayla was delighted to receive a £100 One4All voucher which was presented to her by Elita at HTC.





- 20 MEGA 1st year MEGA DA students attended their MEGA Induction Residential and team building to enable the formation of successful peer relations and support.
- Our 37 MEGA DA 2nd and 3rd years attended training and team building organised and facilitated by MEGA including – A Master class in SMDH and Solid Works
- MEGA in collaboration with ADAPT clothing designed a new range of branded clothing for our DA students.
- Thank You to Todds Leap for the collaboration and continued Support !



“ The Residentials, additional training and induction programmes delivered by MEGA is so important in nurturing personal development skills but also to ensure professional development and challenge that supports academic and industry learning.” Una MEGA Mentor



During the MEGA Hotline for A level results our MEGA Mentor responded to 189 enquiries from Parents, Students, Teachers and Industry !!

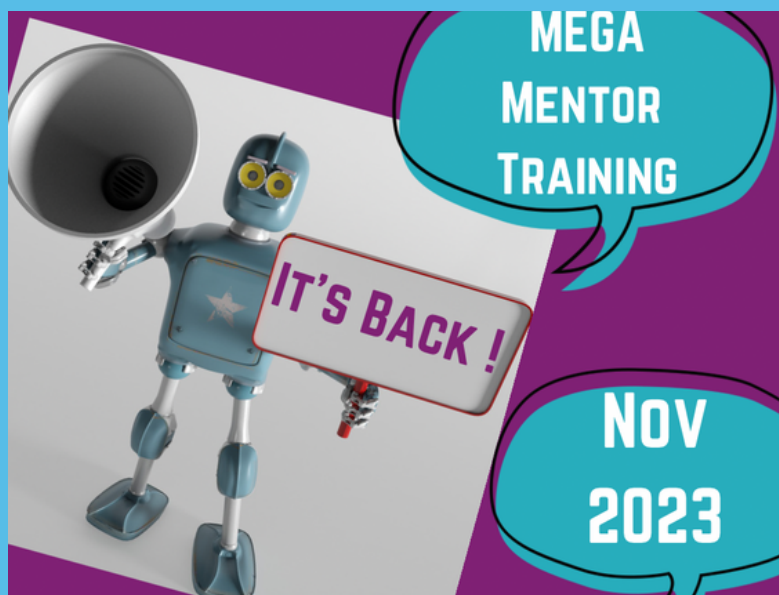
“The MEGA Mentors response to general queries is always immediate and exceptional, not only keeping our son informed but also us the parents” Parent from Hotline

“The MEGA Hotline service is obviously an important, helpful service for our newly recruited apprentice students but also for employees who may have children, family members or friends receiving results and unsure of their next step.” MEGA Company

## Mentor Now ! Coming up -

- October our MEGA Mentor will be recruiting for the next round of ILM Mentor Training commencing in November.
- October the MEGA Mentor will host Apprenticeship Sub Committee launch for new member's. Don't miss this opportunity to network and collaborate on events such as Apprenticeship Week and Inclusion and Diversity projects.
- Rebranding off our MEGA Degree Apprenticeship Booklet and Merchandise ! Watch this space !
- Delivery of our 'MEGA Train the Trainer' Mentoring Programme.

If you want to be involved in any of these Mentor Now projects or to get more information contact [una@midulstermega.com](mailto:una@midulstermega.com)



A busy few weeks working on the Made Smarter Innovation - Smart Manufacturing Data Hub - meeting companies and discussing the challenges manufacturers face to keep pace with the dramatic speed of global technological change: and how SMDH can support them to unlock the enormous benefits of digital technologies, while limiting the risks they present both now and in the future. The Digital Innovation Fund is going live soon and applications can be completed at [www.smdh.uk](http://www.smdh.uk)

It was also great to get the opportunity to work with our MEGA degree apprentices on developing digital skills & access to the SMDH training academy which they can bring back and adopt into their companies.

The future of manufacturing looks bright!!



## October - Top Events this Month...

3rd Barclays Manufacturing Sector Networking Lunch

4th Industrial Energy Transformation Fund workshop in CAFRE

18th Explore Engineering Expo, Meadowbank Sports Arena, Magherafelt

The poster features a dark background with a blue and yellow wave pattern at the top. The MEGA logo is in the top right corner. The word 'Invitation' is written in a white cursive font. The main title 'MEGA NETWORK DIRECTORS BUSINESS BREAKFAST' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the location 'GLENAVON HOUSE HOTEL, COOKSTOWN' is in white. Keynote speakers are listed on the left, and the date and time are at the bottom. The HSBC UK logo is in the center, and logos for Comhairle Ceantair Lár Uladh Mid Ulster District Council and Invest Northern Ireland are at the bottom right.

**Invitation**

**MEGA NETWORK  
DIRECTORS BUSINESS  
BREAKFAST**

GLENAVON HOUSE HOTEL, COOKSTOWN

Keynote Speakers:

Shane Loughran  
Robotics Manager at  
ABB

Rohit Modghul  
Head of Manufacturing  
at HSBC UK

Tuesday 7th  
November 2023

8:30 - 10:30 am

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Directors' Breakfast  
'Navigating the  
Future with  
Robotics'

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