

Mitie inspires future talent at Chelmsford Skills Festival 2025

As part of its ongoing commitment to community engagement and youth development, Mitie once again took part in the Chelmsford Skills Festival, held on Thursday, June 26th, 2025, at ARU Writtle. Organised in partnership with Essex County Council (ECC) through the Building a Lasting Legacy initiative, the event continues to play a vital role in inspiring young people to consider careers in construction, facilities management, and STEM-related industries.

This year, over 1,500 Year 8 students from eight local secondary schools attended the festival, alongside their teachers. The event offered an engaging platform for students to explore a wide range of career pathways and connect with industry professionals.

Mitie colleagues Pranay Kavathekar and Steven Trendall returned as key representatives, delivering another dynamic and interactive experience at the careers fair. Their stand focused on the fascinating world of Building Management Systems (BMS), offering students a unique insight into how electrical systems, heating and cooling controls, security alarms, hazard spotting and energy technologies all work together in modern buildings.



Photo: Steven Trendall, demonstrating electrical circuits to students



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Students were encouraged to ask questions, explore equipment, and learn how science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) subjects translate into real-world applications within the built environment. The session sparked curiosity and provided valuable exposure to potential future careers in facilities transformation.

Mitie's continued participation in the Chelmsford Skills Festival reflects its deep-rooted belief in the importance of early engagement and investment in local talent. Through initiatives like this, Mitie is not only supporting education and career awareness but also contributing directly to ECC's long-term goals of building a skilled, sustainable workforce for the future.



Photo: Students testing the electrical circuits, identifying hazards and learning about energy management

Kaisha Ellis

Innovation and Intelligence Manager, ECC:

“We were very grateful to Mitie for supporting the construction tent at the Chelmsford Skills Festival as part of the Building a Lasting Legacy Programme. The skills festival is a great opportunity for young people to engage with businesses and learn more about different sectors and industries”

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Mitie's involvement aligns closely with its wider commitments to social value and community development. By engaging with young people at events like the Chelmsford Skills Festival, Mitie is actively working to:

- **Spark interest in STEM careers** : Showcasing real-world applications of STEM subjects helps students understand how their classroom learning can lead to meaningful, well-paid careers.
- **Build a local skilled workforce** : Encouraging students to consider careers in facilities transformation and construction supports the region's growing need for technically skilled workers.
- **Support diversity and inclusion in the workplace** : By reaching out to diverse groups of students, Mitie fosters inclusivity and opens doors to underrepresented communities.

Mitie remains committed to creating opportunities for young people and contributing to the communities it serves empowering future generations to shape a better, safer, and more sustainable tomorrow.



Photo: Steven Trendall and Pranay Kavathekar at the Chelmsford Skills Festival 2025.

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