Better World Showcase 2018

Demonstrating how the Faculty of Science & Engineering is Making a Difference

Community Paediatric First Aid

Initiative
Since 2014 the Dalton Cumbrian Facility (DCF) has trained over 50 members of staff and students in the British Heart Foundation's Heart Start course. This equips participants to deal with choking, bleeding, unconscious casualties, heart attack, cardiac arrest and use of an Automated External Defibrillator.

In 2016 Colette Quinn returned from maternity leave, following a first aid incident with her son, with the idea that we could deliver the same type of course focused on paediatrics as the local post-natal community was keen to learn these skills.

The idea was fully supported by the DCF Health & Safety Committee, as these are skills for life and it is in the interests of our community that they are made available to as many people as possible. Since then Mark White has run two evening sessions for new parents, friends, family, staff and students who work with or have or a caring role for children.

More courses are planned in the future; we will continue to engage with staff, students and our community in West Cumbria, helping local people to gain vital life-saving skills.

How Mark and Colette have Made a Difference
West Cumbria is a rural community where emergency services may take time to reach a patient requiring CPR. These skills are therefore of particular benefit in our remote location.

From a local perspective, 10 people in our local community have so far been trained in paediatric first aid, as well as a number of our own staff and students.

From a national perspective, we are helping the British Heart Foundation in its fight for every heartbeat, to help build a nation of lifesavers and a country where everyone knows how to save a life.

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