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Sellafield chaplain Tom's African mission

**You can't Mackem wear that:
Tom with children from the orphanage, or is it the Sunderland second eleven**



Sellafield's site chaplain Tom Luke has returned from a trip to an orphanage in South Africa.

Tom was keen to express his thanks to Sellafield Ltd's workforce following his latest trip to the AIDS Orphanage at Lebone House in Bloemfontein. The visit by Tom, and his wife Jan, followed a successful trip to the orphanage last year.

Tom said: "Last year we took along a stack of football shirts for the children, which was very popular, but this year we had the added bonus of being able to give them some brand new Sunderland shirts.

"This was thanks to the Sellafield employees who are members of the Cumbria Branch of Sunderland Supporters. They very kindly contacted the club, who generously donated a number of shirts as well as some footballs for us to hand out.

"The children were thrilled with their new shirts and wore them wherever they went."

In addition to donating the shirts and footballs, Tom and Jan were able to hire a car and take some of the children into the local town.

Tom said: "We were able to take the children into town, in groups of three or four for burger and chips and ice cream, and to spend some time on the amusements.

"For many of the kids it was the first time they had seen anything like an escalator. It was wonderful to see them so frightened to get on the moving stairs at first, but as their confidence grew, we couldn't get them off!

"I would just like to say thanks to the workforce at Sellafield for donating the shirts, and for all their support."

New project managers' forum launch deemed a success

Nearly 150 of Sellafield Ltd's project managers recently attended the first forum held under the leadership of the new Project Management Director, Bill Condon.

Held in three sessions over a two-week period, project managers from across the organisation attended at either the Sellafield Centre or Reebok Stadium at Bolton.

Designed to support the achievement of the Sellafield Ltd vision, the forums have three aims.

These are: enhancing project delivery within Sellafield Ltd and developing the project managers; providing Sellafield Ltd project managers opportunities to network with other project managers and corporate leads to share learning and solve common problems; and communicating changes in procedures, processes and expectations that effect project execution within Sellafield Ltd.

Bill Condon said: "This forum is an integral part of the project managers' career development and an opportunity for each and every one to become personally involved in changing the processes that will shape project execution for years to come."

Topics covered at the first sessions of the forum included an opening speech from Managing Director Bill Poulson, providing an overview of project management from a corporate perspective.

Bill spoke specifically about his project management experiences within URS Washington Division, the historical emergence of the 'Washington Way' and the importance of the project manager role at Sellafield Ltd.

Having set the scene, Bill Condon then took to the stage, introducing himself, defining his objectives for the Project Management Directorate and describing the purpose of the forum.

The second part of Bill's presentation focussed on observations and recommendations effecting project management that have emerged from the recently completed PAIS team report.

The presentations were followed by a question and answer session and a break out session, in which the project managers were asked to provide their thoughts on PAIS.

Project Manager Paul Rose said: "The forum was an interesting and open session which enabled many of us to share our views on current common obstacles that incur delays to the delivery of projects happening across all operating units. Several common suggestions were offered on how to improve and reduce the impact of these obstacles to maximise the efficiency of the project managers' time.

"Bill Poulson and Bill Condon were very honest in their presentations and in their responses to questions."

The project managers' forums will be held on a quarterly basis, with the next sessions scheduled to take place in July.



Bill Condon presents to a group at the Sellafield Centre session of the new forum

Sellafield Ltd announces launch of 18th North West Newspaper Awards

Sellafield Ltd has launched its 18th annual North West Newspaper Awards – and this year there is a new category.

With a total of £5,000 in prize money up for grabs across a variety of categories the awards are sure to prove as popular as ever.

The new category sees, for the first time, a prize for best newspaper with a circulation under 20,000.

The awards are organised by Sellafield Ltd and the North West region of the Society of Editors, in recognition of the best journalists and newspapers throughout Cheshire, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cumbria.

Sellafield Ltd's new Director of Stakeholder Relations, Iain Irving, said: "I am delighted that we are able to continue with our support for the North West Newspaper Awards.

"I know that they were held in high regard by my predecessors, and my colleagues tell me that the standard is always very high – I'm sure this year will be no different.

"The new category has been introduced because we wanted to provide a level playing field so that everyone had a fairer chance of winning something."

Winners receive £700 in the individual categories and £150 for the runners-up. Trophies will be awarded to the Daily, Weekly and Newspaper categories and both of the Websites categories. A full list of categories can be found in the box at the top right of this page.

The awards are taking place at a special lunch in Cheshire on June 19th, and will include a tour around Sellafield Ltd's Capenhurst site.

Entry forms have been sent out to editors across the region, and further copies can be obtained by contacting Jeanette Stokes on 01925 832239. They need to be in by May 15th.

The categories:

News reporter of the year

Feature writer of the year

Sports reporter of the year

Photographer of the year

Young journalist of the year

Daily newspaper of the year

Weekly newspaper of the year

Daily newspaper website of the year

Weekly newspaper of the year

Newspaper of the year (circulation under 20,000)

The closing date for entries is Friday 15 May 2009.

VIP Visits to Sellafield

8.4.09 OCNS and CNC

8.4.09 Robin McKie, The Observer

9.4.08 Senior Management Team
Areva/SGN

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Last year's winners outside the Sellafield Centre