

ScotRail pledges support to new digital charter

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ScotRail has signed up for a new digital charter to help raise the profile of computing science amongst young people.

The new Digital Technology Education Charter aims to bring together industry and academia to work together to see what more can be done to inspire the next generation into computing and raise awareness of the diverse career opportunities available to young people in the Scottish tech sector.

Alan Manclark, ScotRail head of IT, said: “The Digital Technology Education Charter is a really beneficial initiative that ScotRail is proud to be part of.

“Partnerships like this are incredibly important to businesses like ScotRail, the individuals and institutions involved, and the economy. We hope it will raise the profile of computing science and encourage more children to follow the information technology career path.

“It’s these pupils who will become the next generation of ScotRail’s tech-minded workforce.”

ScotRail has joined upwards of 100 other companies and organisations – including Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, and Scottish Power – in pledging its commitment to the charter.

The railway has a vast range of digital skills-based functions, including application development, data analysis, and cyber security.

As part of its involvement, ScotRail plans to engage with school children on the opportunities available to them within the digital sector.

Toni Scullion of Digital Technology Education Charter, said: "The Digital Technology Education Charter is thrilled to have ScotRail as our most recent signatory.

"It is wonderful to partner with a Scottish company that is so familiar to our young people. ScotRail is a great example of company that is not always immediately associated with the tech sector but has a wealth of opportunities.

"We are looking forward to working with ScotRail to help raise awareness of the opportunities in the digital technology sector in Scotland."

More information on the Digital Technology Charter is available at www.dtecharter.org.