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Rolls-Royce wins £600m Saudi Arabian Airlines deal



Derby aero engine-maker Rolls-Royce has secured an order worth more than £600m to supply Trent engines to Saudi Arabian Airlines. The order is the first time that the airline has selected the Trent engines and will power up to 12 Airbus A330 aircraft.

Phil Harris, Rolls-Royce Senior Vice President Airlines - North Asia and Middle East said: "This important order marks another stage in the development of our relationship with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The superior technology in the Trent 700EP will deliver significant benefits for Saudi Arabian Airlines."

Rolls-Royce have secured more than 70% of the A330 market in the last three years and eight out of the nine Middle East A330 operators have selected Trent 700 engines to power their fleets.

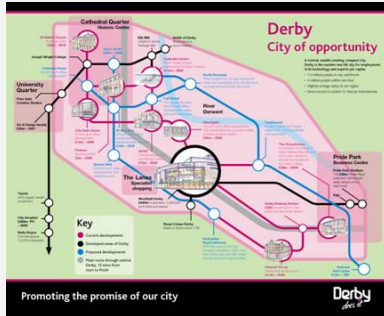
University leads £2m scheme to boost regional economy

The University of Derby has secured Government funding to launch an exciting training and education scheme worth about £2m to support and empower individuals, businesses and communities in the current economic climate.

Nationally, the Economic Challenge Investment Fund aims to offer practical help through a range of measures including business advice, internships and short courses and is designed to boost the local economy between now and September 2010.



National conference gets the Derby message



Easter is well known as a busy conference season and last week the National Association of Councillors learnt about Derby's ongoing transformation at their annual regeneration conference held in Scarborough.

John Forkin, director of Marketing Derby, addressed the conference and outlined how activities such as the Derby Embassy and Bondholder scheme were instrumental in attracting investment into the city, even through the recession. Cities represented included Glasgow, Telford and Lisburn and all received copies of Derby City Essentials and the famous Derby investment tube map.

Plans for new Friar Gate offices to go on display



A new development in Friar Gate will be unveiled at a public exhibition to be held in Derby later this week, called Friar Gate Square.

The currently derelict site, between Friar Gate and Agard Street will consist of two landmark office buildings, designed to complement the surrounding conservation area, and the provision of a new pedestrian link to the historic listed Friar Gate Railway Bridge (left).

The proposals will be on show to the public at an exhibition to be held at Friar Gate Studios, Ford Street as follows: Friday 24 April - 10am to 4.30pm and Saturday 25 April 10am to 2pm.

An insight into "old big 'ead"



For one night only, Derby LIVE and Football for Fans are offering fans of Derby County a unique opportunity to spend an evening in the company of some of The Rams greatest ever players with "Brain Clough's Way."

Listen to legends Dave Mackay, Roy McFarland, John McGovern, Roger Davies and John O'Hare recount stories of their days at the Baseball Ground and re-live that golden era in the early 70's when Derby County were Champions of England under the leadership of Brian Clough. There is also the opportunity for fans to meet their idols at the end of the evening.

The Great Hall, Derby Assembly Rooms, Thursday 2nd July 7.30pm. Tickets are expected to sell quickly - early booking strongly recommended - 01332 255800

Osnabrück business exchange

Businesses from Derby's twin city, Osnabrück, are planning to visit the city later this year for a number of days to exchange ideas and make contact with their business counter-parts in Derby.

The BVMW (a German business Chamber for medium-sized organisations) is hoping that between 10 and 16 of their members will take the opportunity to find out more about business in their twin city through visits and tours. A short meeting for Derby businesses interested in finding out more, or how they can get involved in this scheme and other links with Osnabrück, is to be held in the café at QUAD on Thursday 23rd April from 9.45am.



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- Location: St Michael's Studio, a converted church on Queen Street
- What do you do/ what is your mission statement? Our focus is on regeneration - 'making places' through urban design and creating architecture to accommodate leisure, living, learning and working. The key to our work is context - often the reassessment of a place, landscape or group of buildings. In response we use either new build, or re-use of existing buildings, to provide new colour and richness to our environment.
- When did your business start? 1980 in Friar Gate as a firm of conservation architects. Since then the scope of the business has become multi disciplinary and conservation forms only a small part of the work we do.
- Why have you become a Bondholder? We have always been committed to the development of Derby and have joined the Bondholder scheme to demonstrate our continued commitment.
- What do you think of the scheme? We think it is a great idea, as an agency independent form, but supporter of, the City Council, and urge every creative, forward thinking practice or company to join and help make Derby a better place for them and their employees.
- How do you see business shaping Derby's future? Derby has a high percentage of graduates and professional in its workforce, yet too few of these people use their energy and skills to promote and improve Derby. The future of Derby lies with the young vibrant companies that have, or are, setting up, utilising the strength of modern digital e-commerce, and seeking to produce products and services of the highest quality.
- What are your favourite things about Derby? Our vision for Derby is of a compact, green, 'walkable' city. With easy access from home to work, the shops and leisure activity, and from the city to the open countryside. In the future the cities that offer the greatest hassle free quality of life will be the ones to attract the best people and ultimately the most successful businesses.

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