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Visit to Berlin with the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology of the Welsh Government, Ms Julie James AM



Ms Julie James AM

Following a meeting with Ms Julie James AM on 17 September 2014 in Cardiff, **GIUK arranged for her to visit Berlin on 24 April 2015 to talk to the German Employers Federation (BDA) and the German Federal Trade Union (DGB) and to see at first hand how the German Dual Vocational Training System works at the BMW Motorcycle Plant.**

The Deputy Minister was accompanied by Mr Christopher Hare, Senior Apprenticeships Policy Manager of the Welsh Government and our Chairman and Chief Executive, Dr Bernd Atenstaedt.



Mr Christopher Hare, Ms Julie James AM and
Dr Barbara Dorn (L→R)

The group met with **Dr Barbara Dorn, Director Educational/Vocational Training of the BDA** in the morning of 24 April who presented the German employers' views on vocational training which they fully support.



Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting with the DGB had to be changed to a video conference at a future date to be confirmed.



During the afternoon, the group visited the **BMW Motorcycle Plant. They were given an overview of the Vocational Training System of BMW by Mr Harald Tragmann, Head of Vocational Training Programmes, BMW Plant Berlin.**

BMW
Plant Berlin



Mr Harald Tragmann, Ms Julie James AM,
(and right), Dr Christian Kelders (BMW Repre-
sentative, Berlin), Mr Christopher Hare (L→R)

They then visited the Training Centre where they had the opportunity to talk to some trainees before being given a guided tour of the plant.



Deputy Minister signing
the Visitors Book



and with Dr Bernd
Atenstaedt



Guide through the factory and meeting two of the trainees



The Deputy Minister much appreciated the insight into the Dual Vocational Training System in Germany.