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Cumbria's 'Woman of the Year'



Sellafield Ltd's Debbie Keighley, pictured above, is the new Cumbria Woman of the Year.

Debbie, Technical Capability Manager at Sellafield was awarded the title at the annual celebration lunch held at Grasmere's Wordsworth Hotel on 26 November.

Juliet Westoll, Chairwoman of the Cumbria Women of the Year committee, said: "Debbie is enormously respected by her work colleagues as she fulfils a highly demanding full-time job. She was the only female in her year reading engineering at university. She mentors and develops young scientists and can influence the direction of technology across Sellafield Ltd. Debbie is also a trustee of Young Cumbria.

"She has outstanding service to the Girlguide Movement in Cumbria and has over many years helped young women achieve their potential. Guiding has become her passion and she has served Cumbria as a leader, trainer and for five years as County Commissioner for Cumbria North. *Continued on page two*

Yottenfews Project rewarded for excellence

The Sellafield Ltd Yottenfews Environmental Project has been rewarded for the excellent work it does with youngsters.

The project has been handed a 'Learning Outside the Classroom' quality badge, which is aimed at organisations providing an outdoor learning experience for young people.

The badge, which is non-statutory at present, is a national benchmark for the provision of educational visits. It is available to all organisations providing experiences away from the classroom. This includes environmental projects like Yottenfews, but also museums, farms, outdoor centres.

In order to achieve the award, an organisation must be committed to providing high quality teaching and learning. Be able to demonstrate that it values outdoor activities for children and maintains an effective partnership with schools and other groups, whilst managing risk effectively.

The award lasts for two years, after which holders are reassessed. It was launched in January 2009 and has so far been awarded to ten organisations in Cumbria. The intention is to give teachers and others planning outdoor learning trips confidence in the quality of the provision and the safety of the site they are visiting.

Millie Clarke, Yottenfews manager, who entered the project for the award, said: "This is a nationally recognised award that is in its infancy but at its roots are the aims of what the company stands for – quality within a safe environment and it is right and proper that the project should have gained this on behalf of Sellafield Ltd. Yottenfews has been operating for over twelve years and this award recognises all the hard work the staff have put in to give local children a rich outdoor experience."



QUALITY: From left to right: Liz Temple, Louise Nolan and Millie Clarke of the successful Yottenfews Project

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"She has also led overseas expeditions and worked to develop the Guide Scout Movement in Eastern Siberia.

"The most striking aspect of her leadership style both professionally and in her guiding roles is her supportive manner, her ability to listen and understand."

Debbie works in the Technical Directorate improving the technical resources required to deliver the Life Time Plan.

She is the Sellafield Ltd lead on the Technical Specialist Trainee Scheme, a course specifically designed and accredited for the nuclear industry. Debbie also works closely with universities as part of her role.

Debbie said: "I was quite overwhelmed and very surprised, yet honoured to receive this award.

"I feel that I'm lucky; I enjoy the work I do at Sellafield Ltd which involves working with young people who have a real enthusiasm for everything they do and are full of innovative and interesting ideas and not afraid to take on a challenge. I also enjoy working with youth groups in the community and my work with the guides over many years. The energy and enthusiasm of young people is infectious and it's good to see them developing and using new skills."

Peter Maher, Head of Technical, said: "Debbie was one of 60 nominees so this is a fantastic achievement. All who work with Debbie know the tremendous energy she gives to her work and to supporting young people in the community."

VIP Visits to Sellafield

18.11.09 NDA Site Familiarisation

18.11.09 and 19.11.09: NMP Board Visit

24.11.09 AWE Business Development

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