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# St Helena Airport



Presentation by Charles Schwarz

Scott & Dan in discussion with the public

## BUILDING ST HELENA'S FUTURE

There was a great deal of energy at the Careers Fair and a lot of optimism. In light of the Airport Project there is a sense that things are changing and that there is far more choice in the job market. Charles Schwarz, Basil Read's HR Manager here on island focussed his presentation on opportunities that will become available to the island, in particular the younger generation. Charles said "it's not just about the jobs on the airport construction itself, Saints need to think longterm about the careers becoming available in operating the airport or in any of the opportunities that are becoming available to the island".



For those with an interest in the Construction Industry, Charles went on to say that if you want to become Engineers you will need to have Maths and Science qualifications. Whilst qualifications are important, just as important is a can do attitude and a desire to get involved and to learn. Anyone embarking on a career will need to gain experience and Charles outlined how it is normal for people to start in the company as Junior Foremen and then work their way up.



However, Engineering might not be for everyone. The good thing about a company like Basil Read is that there are career choices throughout many different fields. For example Basil Read has Engineers, Health & Safety Personnel, Environmental Specialists, Administration Staff, Accounting Staff, Legal experts etc. there is something for everyone.

Charles also emphasised that the airport will bring about opportunities in a number of different sectors. If you don't picture yourself in the Construction Industry what about the Tourism Industry? Or how about one of the essential services (e.g. Health, Education, Police & Fire) that will be needed to serve the increased population of the island?



The airport will mean that there will be far more choice in terms of career and opportunities for the island. It's never too early to start to think about this and the photos show Primary Schools doing just that.

Photos are courtesy of Chrezelda De Jager

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