

Surgical Innovations Group plc (AIM: SUN), the designer and manufacturer of creative solutions for minimally invasive surgery ('MIS'), had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a manufacturing exchange between SI's apprentices and technical engineering trainees from Dortmund, Germany.

The visit to SI included a presentation prepared by the apprentices to give the German visitors an overview of the industry and the company history, as well as a tour around the premises of Surgical Innovations. The apprentices presented their typical daily routine with confidence and enthusiasm and a bi-lingual Q&A session provided a knowledge exchange for both sides.

Leeds City College has arranged the pilot project together with a technical school in Dortmund. The partnership between the two twin cities started as far back as 1949, when they have been paired up due to similar demographics and economics and now Leeds City College and the SI apprentices were part of this relationship for the first time.

SI's apprentices are excited to start building a partnership and exchange experience with the manufacturing trainees from Germany, who have already got qualifications in the manufacturing trade. Matt Revans, Tool Room Engineer at SI said: "It is a great base for a long-term project and it would be a brilliant opportunity to see the German manufacturing process as part of a visit to Dortmund."