Meeting the robots at Dounreay on Innovation Day

News story

We held a celebration of innovation at Dounreay recently, recognising how innovation is part of everything we do at the site to achieve our mission.



Watch the robots at Dounreay

On the day, we celebrated the many successes we have achieved in our approach to decommissioning. It was a showcase for how we have deployed different techniques and equipment to make our work safer and more efficient.

This included using robotic technology ranging from small tracked remotely operated vehicles to the state of the art 'Spot the dog', a very sophisticated four-legged Boston Dynamics robot, supported by our colleagues from Sellafield.

We were delighted to host many of our friends during the event, in particularly a young robot designer, Robbie and his dad, who had made the trip from Ross-shire to see the many different ways the site was working with robots.

Robbie's dad said:

We were amazed by the response from Dounreay to Robbie's request for information on how they use robotics, and it has been a real inspiration for him in so many different ways.

DSRL Innovation Manager, Gordon Tait, said:

Robbie was invited, along with his dad, to be our guest of honour for the day because he had demonstrated his interest in robotics, and we want to encourage youngsters who may become future robot designers.

Head of Strategic Planning, Craig Brown, added:

Everyone really enjoyed the day; we have a great opportunity to embrace technological advances such as robotics to make our work safer and to enhance our capability.

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