

## NORTH WEST REGION

### MERSEYSIDE AND WARRINGTON GROUP

**B**Sc and MSc students studying Maritime and Logistics at Liverpool John Moores University's (LJMU) School of Engineering had the opportunity to visit the Home Bargains regional distribution centre and head office of the parent company TJ Morris Ltd in the North of Liverpool.

The field trip was jointly organised with the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Merseyside and Warrington group (CILT MWG). Students enrolled on a recognised course of study in logistics and transport at LJMU benefit from a complimentary CILT student membership. The students were welcomed by the Director of Logistics (Mr Darren Bins), the Head of Logistics at Axis (Mr Liam Wilson) and the Operational Manager for Transport (Mr Gary Cobb), who provided insights into

the strategic challenges of managing a supply chain with multiple retail units at a national level and the state-of-the-art warehouse operations. During the visit, the students were divided into different groups. During the visit the students were guided by warehouse team leader Ms Dominika Monka MILT, an LJMU alumna and member of the CILT MWG committee, with support from the site team provided a very insightful tour into the different warehouse sections. All students gained invaluable experience of the latest technologies used in retail logistics and their impact on supply chain performance and found this curriculum enrichment activity to be realistic, engaging, and interactive. Dr Robyn Pyne CMILT, programme leader of the maritime and logistics courses in LJMU's School of Engineering, highlighted that field trips can

change students' perceptions and improve their learning performance by gaining first-hand experience away from the classroom in the context of modern educational and pedagogical approaches. Dr Dimitrios Paraskevadakis FCILT, senior lecturer of transport and logistics at LJMU and chairman of CILT MWG, also added that active and experiential learning could establish a critical link between industry and logistics education. On behalf of the teaching team and students from LJMU's School of Engineering and the CILT MWG we would like to thank the Home Bargains Operations, Training and Development Managers for their hospitality and excellent organisation of the field trip.

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