

Electrical Apprenticeship Showcase Evening

Derby College launched their new Modern Apprenticeship in Electrical Installation at the Mason's Place site in February 2008.

Over 40 employers enjoyed a showcase evening of programme information, employer support and a tour of the facilities.

Ian McSherry, Programme Co-ordinator, said: "I am thrilled with the response and enthusiasm of both the employers and past students who attended."

The four-year Apprenticeship is currently enrolling for a September 2008 intake. The Level 3 qualification covers both the Technical Certificate and NVQ. Students and employers interested in the course can contact Gary Richardson on 07966 511 208 for further information.

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New Construction and Logistics Skills Academy

Labour Chief Whip and local MP, Geoff Hoon, officially opened the new Construction and Logistics Skills Academy at West Nottinghamshire College at a ceremony in June 2008.

The Academy, which recently moved to Station Park in Ashfield, opened its doors for business in February 2008.

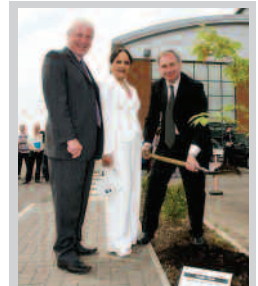
Chris Whitaker, Associate Director of Learning for Construction, is delighted with the new development: "We are confident that our new and improved site for the curriculum will help to raise the capacity of the College to deliver construction and logistics training at all levels, meeting the needs of both the current and potential local and regional workforce. We are also keen to significantly raise the aspirations of young people in relation to the construction and logistics occupational areas."

In 2006-07, achievement on apprenticeship programmes stood at 83%, which is 16% above the national average. The largest work-based provider for Nottinghamshire, West Nottinghamshire College, is now within the top five providers in the region: the new facilities will increase the College's capacity to offer further apprenticeships in skills shortage areas.

The Construction and Logistics Skills Academy provides training in the following areas:

- Building Services & Bricklaying
- Joinery
- Wood Machining
- Painting & Decorating
- Plumbing
- Gas Fitting & Gas Assessment
- Surveying & Construction Management
- Trackwork
- Forklift Truck Driving
- Business Improvement Techniques
- Digital Aerial Installation
- Driving Goods Vehicles
- Driving Passenger Vehicles.

■ For more information contact Glyn Stenson, Operations Manager, Derby College on 07977 449 508 or go to Derby College construction website at www.derby-college.ac.uk



Mansfield Mayor Tony Egginton, Principal Asha Khemka and MP for Ashfield, Geoff Hoon.

Construction Symposium for Industry Employers

Following the success of last year's event, Nottingham Construction Forum (NCF) and New College Nottingham (ncn) hosted its 2nd Annual Construction Symposium on 6th June at ncn Basford Hall, Stockhill Lane, Nottingham. The event was aimed at industry employers, university academics, industry suppliers and manufacturers, key support and funding agencies, as well as professional bodies.

Innovations in construction, with particular focus on the international

dimension and women in construction, formed key themes of the symposium.

Three key note speakers, including the successful construction entrepreneur, Nadeem Shah, Nicola Millward of Millward Partnership, and Professor



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Simon Austin from Loughborough University opened the symposium, addressing issues of development, new technologies and sustainability. Participants had the opportunity to join several profit-focussed sessions to discuss the themes of International, Innovation and Women in Construction. The breakout sessions benefited from input from senior representatives from the industry.

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Construction Sector Training & Employment Strategy (Greater Nottingham)

The 'Construction Training & Employment Strategy' was presented to the Greater Nottingham Employment & Skills Board (GNESB) on 15th May 2008 and has been approved to go forward for implementation.

The strategy has been developed by a sector-based working group, on behalf of GNESB, to encourage training and employment in the construction industry. The sector working group comprises representatives from employer groups, Nottingham City Economic Development, Sector Skills Councils, education, training and employment agencies. It has concentrated its efforts on maximising training and employment opportunities through contract procurement and incentives for both employers and individuals.

Implementation of the strategy will be monitored and supported by the GNESB via the sector working group industry representatives from the Nottingham Construction Forum (NCF).

Electrical Course Programme Extended

Due to popular demand, South East Derbyshire College has extended its programme of evening courses for electricians needing to update their qualifications in line with the latest industry regulations.

Area of Learning Manager, Grenville Astill, explained: "We started the courses in February and they have been so popular that we have extended the rolling programme.

"The course has been specifically designed for electricians whose current qualifications satisfy the BS7671 regulations but who need to update these in line with the recently introduced 17th edition regulations.

"They will gain the most up-to-date qualifications recognised by the National Inspection Council (NIC) and Electrical Contractors Association (ECA), which are often a pre-requisite for gaining a contract on site or for moving jobs."

For more information about the course, please contact South East Derbyshire College on 0115 849 2000 or log on to www.sedc.ac.uk

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New College Nottingham becomes 'Risk Aware'

A construction industry 'Safety Awareness' event, hosted by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE), in partnership with New College Nottingham (ncn), was held at ncn Basford Hall campus in February 2008.

The 'Risk Aware: your safety starts here' event, which attracted over 370 students from the ncn School of Construction, aimed to raise risk awareness by demonstrating some of the dangers found in the workplace.

Andrew Turner, Principal Inspector HSE, explained the event's message: "Although employers have a responsibility to look after their employees, everyone has a role to play in ensuring they stay safe and healthy at work."

A presentation on general health & safety issues was followed by the enactment of five 'risky' scenarios, including manual handling, first aid and working with height and power tools. The interactive event outlined some simple measures individuals can take to minimise their risk at work.

Kevin Gowdy, Director of Construction, said: "It has been an informative programme. The event raised students' awareness of the hazards faced within the workplace and of the steps that can be taken to avoid such hazards. Hopefully, events like this will help to reduce accidents amongst young persons working in the industry."

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Bill Pearson demonstrates power tool safety

Swedish Exchange

Derby College received a delegation of staff and students from Jonkopin College, Sweden, in March 2008. Ideas of house design and sustainability were shared with staff and students. During their visit, Swedish students took part in classes, toured the facilities and visited Derby College's new city centre state-of-the-art 'Roundhouse' development, where all areas of construction will be housed from September 2009.

Glyn Stenson, Operations Manager, led a party of staff and students on a return visit to the Swedish College in April. The party visited many timber framed housing developments, where particular interest was given to under floor heating, underground heat source and insulation.

Paul Else, tutor, commented: "Swedish and English students exchanged

presentations around a theme of types of traditional and new housing in their locality. The Swedish students visited famous buildings in Derbyshire, which included Chatsworth House and the Crooked Spire at Chesterfield. They also visited Derby College's 'Roundhouse' project which includes both new and restoration work.

Sustainability was also a key element of the exchange visit and English students and staff had the opportunity to visit a range of building sites in Sweden and see at first hand timber framed buildings, insulation and under floor heating technology."

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