

Advanced Construction Skills Centre

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Advanced Construction Skills Centre (ACSC) - Overview

- New development at South Bristol Skills Academy, Hengrove
- £9 million project with 66.7% LEP Local Growth Fund support
- Due to open in Sept 2021
- 850 learners in first 3 years to start meeting the expected demand for 80,000 skilled construction jobs by 2036
- New curriculum offer including Higher Apprenticeships
- Will compliment Bath College's Somer Centre in Radstock.



ACSC – Rationale

- provide Bristol with a construction training centre that is capable and equipped to provide skilled workers for significant regional infrastructure projects such as Hinkley C
- expand CoBC's existing construction provision by providing a large new purpose built civil construction training facility
- expand both the training capability of the region and student numbers in the sector including new capacity to deliver Higher Apprenticeships and multi-skilled construction delivery



ACSC – Curriculum

- provide more traditional training routes to service the large number of construction firms and small traders
- form part of a more coherent regional plan for skills delivery and meet Local Sector Skill Statement identified priorities (including curriculum mapping with SGS College)
- Genuine co-design and co-delivery of the curriculum to ensure maximum employability for those attending the centre



ACSC – Geography and Demographics

- provide better geographical coverage of construction skills provision
- be part of a sustainable pipeline to serve regional planning for economic development and infrastructure
- South Bristol is also the area of the city with the poorest transport links and has been identified as having some of the largest concentrations of NEET 16-18 year olds.
- Allow access to state of the art facilities to learners across the city with particular opportunities for previously hard to reach groups
- Support regeneration of South Bristol

ACSC – Employers

We are pleased to have secured support from key employers looking to endorse the development of the new centre, including:

CITB, Galliford Try, Beard Construction, John Perkins Construction Ltd, Dribuild Group and Bray and Slaughter

- employers are already engaged in the design and planning phase and will continue to support curriculum development
- co-construction of curriculum offer and co-delivery is key to ensuring currency with the sector from the start
- future proofing and supporting the ambitions of employers, the industry sector and the regional economy by providing the skills for the next generation of workers
- form part of the supply chain to deliver trained workers for the Hinkley project and/or backfill the potential gap in skilled workforce requirements on other key infrastructure projects