

BUILDING FUTURES



100th Building Futures programme celebrated in Manchester, 2017

Building Futures is a two week pre-employment training programme for unemployed adults. It is accredited by the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and provides basic construction training underpinned by employability skills to help participants make the transition into employment or training.

Building Futures was launched by Wates in 2006 to tackle unemployment in the communities in which we work, as well as add value beyond construction.

We celebrated our **100th programme** in July 2017.

Over 1100 participants have taken part in Building Futures since its launch.

Approximately half have transitioned into employment or further learning either with Wates, our supply chain or other employers / training providers.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES ARE:

1. To showcase the construction industry as an employment route
2. To provide participants with CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) training and cards
3. To encourage those facing multiple barriers in the workplace to take positive steps towards gaining employment or into further training.



Trainer Teaching candidate Plumbing Skills

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Experience practical trade taster sessions. Each course offers two skills, usually plumbing and carpentry/joinery
- Have a free CSCS test to secure a Green (labourers) Card, a pre-requisite for working in the construction sector
- Achieve a BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Construction qualification (assuming successful course completion)
- Visit live construction sites
- Have the opportunity to improve employability skills
- Be interviewed with the opportunity of placement or employment in the construction sector.
- Receive a free set of PPE to keep (boots, glasses, hi-vis, glasses and hardhat)

“Wates has given us the opportunity not many other have given us – that foot in the door. Being a male dominated environment, it speaks volumes to the women on this particular course because we all have that determination. Wates have given us the opportunity to show we can be part of the industry. So many avenues and professionals assisting when you may have felt that chance isn't there anymore. A chance to direct our lives in an avenue to help build on Wates' legacy.”

Dione, Building Futures participant



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