



Central Lancashire Construction Skills Hub
Impact & Engagement Summary Report
2016-2019



Scope & Context

The Central Lancashire Construction Skills Hub aims to provide support to the construction industry in Preston and South Ribble, to ensure the social and economic benefit for the people of Central Lancashire.

Research carried out for the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership on Skills and Employment in 2015 and commissioned to provide a basis for future action in supporting skills development in Lancashire, clearly identifies both the opportunity and risk associated with the demand for and supply of construction skills at all levels. This work was further enhanced by more recent research by the Construction Industry Training Board focusing on the gap in skills based on current skills levels and Lancashire's project pipeline.

As an initial response to the City Deal agenda, partners including Preston's College, Local Authorities, CITB, Calico and the construction sector themselves came together to seek a collaborative response.

Initially that response has focused primarily on maximising the impact and effectiveness of existing provision, sharing information, creating a virtual entity in the Central Lancashire Construction Skills Hub.

This has ensured a strong level of co-ordination and shared response to both the challenge and the opportunity.



Strategic Objectives

The primary objectives are to deliver a coordinated and collaborative approach to training in Central Lancashire by delivering against the objectives detailed below:

1. Coordinate and deliver Central Lancashire Construction key sector updates – Providing information on the economic and construction activity across the region, engaging large construction organisations and SMEs and the self-employed.
2. Create Employment & Skills Opportunities for the community of Central Lancashire
3. Deliver a centralised coordinated approach to the procurement of training services within the construction industry
4. Widening participation & the promotion of the Construction & Education sector in Primary, Secondary, and Further Education & Higher Education.

Events & Engagement

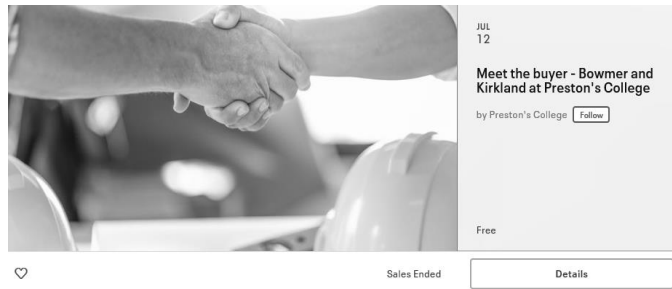
Coordinate and deliver Central Lancashire Construction key sector updates – Provide detailed information on the economic and construction activity across the region, engaging large construction organisations, SMEs and the self-employed.

Number of Events delivered	SMEs engaged & Attended	Large employers / Tier 1 contractors attended	Local Authorities and Other public organisations
12	307	14	7

The events delivered have provided important regional updates from three key local authorities, which detailed strategic information of developments which provide procurement, contracting and employment opportunities for employers and the community of Central Lancashire.

The events consisted of:

- City Deal & Local Authority update on regional residential and industry projects
- Employment & Skills Support workshops for SMEs
- Pathway to Construction Events (College learners to Apprentices)
- Meet the Buyer Events (Procurement support for SMEs)



Description

Preston's College are delighted to be working with Bowmer and Kirkland, offering local contractors a unique opportunity to be a part of the £32million transformation of UCLan's Preston campus.

Contractors are required, for a September start, in the following areas:

- GF concrete slab
- Floor screeds
- Blockwork
- Intumescent painting
- Raised access floors
- Handrails and balustrades (metal)
- Rooflights
- Internal glazed screens
- Doors and ironmongery
- Partitions and ceilings
- Internal floor finishes
- Decoration
- Ceramic tiling
- IPS/Vanity/WC cubicles
- Blinds

Join us on Friday 12th July 2019, at Preston's College's Fulwood Campus, for your opportunity to pitch directly to representatives from Bowmer and Kirkland. Successful contractors will be placed on the tender list.

Due to demand, we kindly ask that a maximum of two people attend on behalf of your company. Refreshments will be provided.

Places are extremely limited and must be booked.

Date And Time

Fri, 12 July 2019
09:00 - 13:00 BST
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Location

Preston's College
Saint Vincenta Road
Fulwood
PR2 8UR
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Bowmer & Kirkland Meet the Buyer Event 2019

Employment & Skills

Create Employment & Skills Opportunities for the community of Central Lancashire

The Central Lancashire Construction Skills Hub has enabled learners and employers to access a diverse curriculum and has significantly contributed to an increase in Apprenticeships in Construction (Central Lancashire) and improvements in the progression of learners to sustainable employment.

ESFA 16-18 Classroom based Study programmes	2016-2017	2018-2019	2019-2020
	176	229	262

ESFA 16-18 Classroom based Study programmes Progressions from Classroom based learning to Apprenticeships	2016-2017	2018-2019	2019-2020
	63	77	82 (Projected numbers)

14-16 Secondary School Construction Programme GSCE - Prog 8 (EWLF)	2016-2017	2018-2019	2019-2020
	11	57	102

Adults Learners Progressing to Sustainable Employment & Further Education	2016-2017	2018-2019	2019-2020
	78%	87%	90% (Target KPI)

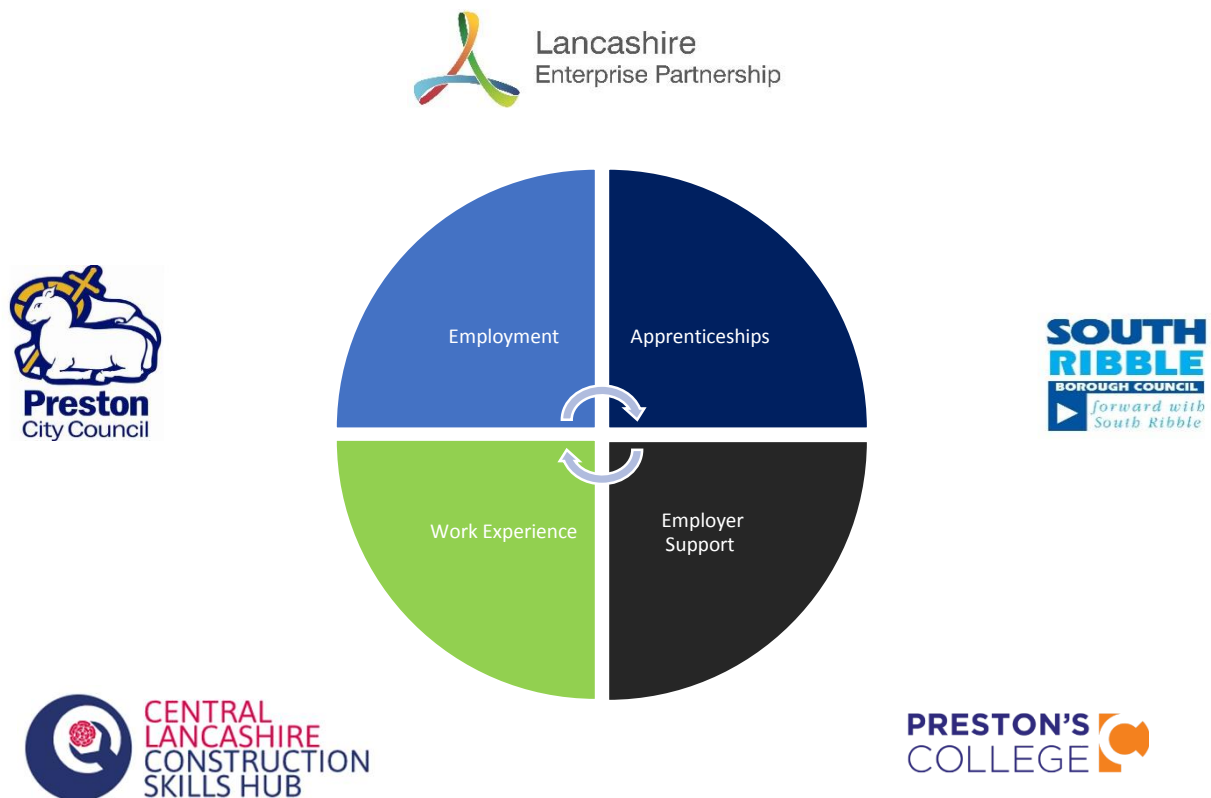
Apprenticeship starts <i>Excluding Building services</i>	2016-2017	2018-2019	2019-2020
	133	157	190 (Projected numbers)

Procurement and Training Support

Deliver a centralised and coordinated approach to the procurement of training services within the construction industry

The Central Lancashire Construction Skills Hub has coordinated the communication and planning of employment and skills opportunities within the area, communicating and advising contractors on Employment and Skills plans, to enable work placements, apprenticeships and engagement visits for learners in Central Lancashire.

The Construction Hub has advised and referred learners to partner providers to ensure the correct provision and services are procured and delivered.



Example of Actively Engaged Developments:

Bowmer & Kirkland: UCLan Adelphi Square

Seddon's Goosnargh: Residential Housing development

Taylor Wimpy: Pickering's Farm

Curriculum Development aligned to City Deal Activity

Civil Engineering Case Study



The Central Lancashire Construction Skills Hub has enabled the creation of a bespoke Civil Engineering apprenticeship programme, to address the skills needs of John Reilly Civil Engineering in Lancashire.

The programme has two active cohorts of apprentices and will see a third recruited in October 2019.



The apprenticeship programme will enable the creation of over 40 apprenticeships in the space of two years.



The programme has seen collaboration between the Hub, Preston's College & Monk's training services in Leyland, to enable the design and delivery of specialist Civil Engineering training to ensure learners are ready to progress and impact on the Civil Engineering industry.



Widening Participation

The promotion of the Construction & Education sector in Primary, Secondary, Further Education & Higher Education.

Bridge the Gap (Construction & Civil Engineering Masterclass)

The Central Lancashire Construction Skills Hub has delivered masterclass impact sessions to Secondary Education establishments in the 2018-2019 academic year.

This high impact session consists of Preston's College delivery staff and employers or apprentices employed within the industry providing information on possible career pathways in technical & Professional areas in Civil Engineering & Construction. The session is also aimed at promoting project management skills in the industry together with teamwork, English, Maths resilience and communication.

Bridge the Gap Masterclass	Schools Engaged	Learners participated	Staff trained to deliver
	23	3220	12

'BRIDGE THE GAP' - YEAR 9

This Monday the whole of year 9 took part in an Engineering activity day titled '*Bridge the Gap*'. The day was delivered by Preston's College alongside Conlon's Building Contractors. The students got first-hand experience of the types of career that are available in the world of engineering and the type of challenges that they would face in the industry. The main focus of the activity was the construction of a bridge on a new building project. The students were put into teams and had to adopt a different engineering career role within the build. The students enjoyed the activity and found the information useful, especially those who would consider an apprenticeship based learning pathway.



Fulwood Academy, Bridge the Gap Masterclass 2019

Construct@Preston Skills Competition

Over the last three academic years since 2016 The Hub has delivered a skills competition for 13-16 year-old Secondary school learners in Central Lancashire. This has involved learners participating in skills challenge in professional and trade occupational areas, providing insight and awareness of career pathways and possible progression routes for secondary school learners.

Construct @Preston Skills Competition	Schools Engaged	Learners participated	Events Since 2016
	22	326	3

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Construct@Preston Professional Construction

Maths & Surveying skills Challenge 2018

Impact Summary

The Central Lancashire Construction Skills Hub was created as virtual entity with funding from the LEP (Lancashire Enterprise Partnership) of **£30,000** for three years of sustained delivery and development of activity in Central Lancashire.

Objective
1. Coordinate and deliver Central Lancashire Construction key sector updates – detail information on the economic and construction activity across the region, engaging large construction organisations and SMEs and the self-employed.
Success Measure
Engage more SME & Large organisations in Construction training and procurement opportunities
Impact
Over 12 events delivered, 307 SMEs engaged in procurement and education & training events.

Objective
2. Create Employment & Skills Opportunities for the community of Central Lancashire
Success Measure
Increase the participation of Construction Curriculum and regulated study for 14-16-year-old learners, 16-18s, and also in Higher Education/Higher level Apprenticeships.
Impact
Three years of increasing school leaver enrolments in Construction & The Built Environment, Three years of growth in apprenticeship starts in Construction & Building Services Three Years of increasing numbers of Higher Education apprenticeships at Level 4 Three years of increasing numbers of 14-16 learners participating in Construction education regulated study,

Objective
3.Deliver a centralised and coordinated approach to the procurement of training services within the construction industry
Success Measure
Create collaboration between local authority, Principal Contractors & Education providers to enable more opportunities or the community of Lancashire.
Impact
<p>An increase over three years of learners participating in External work experience 47% in 2016-2017 at Level 2 & 3 to 74% in 2018-2019</p> <p>An increase in industry engagement within education and delivery,</p> <p>SME increase in the engagement of the procurement of apprenticeships.</p> <p>6 Principal contractors now engaged and recruiting apprenticeships in Central Lancashire</p>

Objective
4. Widening participation & the promotion of the Construction & Education sector in Primary, Secondary, and Further Education & Higher Education.
Success Measure
<p>Increase the number of Individuals receiving Careers Information, Advice and Guidance on the career pathways in Construction & Civil Engineering professional and occupational roles.</p> <p>Increase enrolment at Level 1 – Level 4, of Construction & The Built environment.</p>
Impact
<p>Over 3000, Learners participated in the Bridge the gap masterclasses</p> <p>Three successive years of growth in school leaver enrolments</p> <p>An increase in 14-16-year-old learners participating in Construction education 14 (2016) to 104 in 2019, currently studying towards a regulated construction programme whilst enrolled at secondary school.</p>