



CONSTRUCTION IN COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

The Construction Youth Trust and Penrhys Partnership welcomed Deputy Minister for Regeneration Leighton Andrews AM to launch the Construction in Communities - Mobile Classroom in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

The launch event took place at Canolfan Rhys Arts and Education Centre in Penrhys. The aim of the programme is to assist young people from disadvantaged communities in South Wales to access introductory training and awareness of construction and encourage them to progress further into training and employment in the industry.



This exciting and innovative project will deliver a construction training programme in communities throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf, with additional advice and guidance support services to young people and adults also made available.



Funded by the Big Lottery Fund, Stepping Stones Programme, the Construction Youth Trust together with Penrhys Partnership in Rhondda Cynon Taf and NSA Strides in Neath and Port Talbot have developed a programme which can offer training in various trades such as Plumbing, Tiling, Plastering, Bricklaying, Carpentry, Painting & Decorating, Home Maintenance, General DIY, Advice and Guidance.



Rod Bennion, Chairman of the Construction Youth Trust said, "We are delighted to have this opportunity to work with Penrhys Partnership on this exciting project that will enable us to help more young people in South Wales on their journey to work in the construction industry"

Christine Townley – Director of the Construction Youth Trust stated that since July 2008 over 170 young people and adults have benefitted from the programme through 120 sessions and 49 receiving additional advice and support. By working with our many partners from industry and the community, we believe that the programme can make a lasting difference to the communities in which we work. The Construction Youth Trust is committed to removing barriers and bridging the gap between communities and employers to enable local young people to maximise the benefits available to them as a result of the massive regeneration projects happening throughout Wales.

One of the participants Melissa Johnson said I have learnt new skills such as plastering and tiling and I am very keen to develop my skills further. I am looking to do some volunteer work also as I have realised that I need to gain work experience which will help my job search.

For more information on how to learn new construction skills as part of the programme contact: **07973 574378**





Construction Youth Trust – Background

Construction Youth Trust is a charity organisation, working with a range of partners to offer opportunities in the UK's largest sector - Construction.

CYT aims to enable young people, adults and their communities to overcome barriers to Training and Employment in Construction.

Working with local communities, their representatives and key employers in the industry, CYT aims to develop individuals and groups in order for them to gain a range of employability skills that will help take them into the field of Construction.

In 2004, Construction Youth Trust (CYT) began work in Wales; building strong partnerships with private, public and voluntary sectors.

Their first project, involved working with young people who were not attending school. As a result of the Carpentry course offered, young people excelled and attendance increased.

In 2005, CYT also supported a plumbing course at Tonypandy Community College.