



# Constructing The Future

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# What We Are doing: CTF Objectives

- **Education & Training** To increase the supply of apprentices and qualified people to work within the Pennine Lancashire construction industry and specifically the local supply chain
- **Business Development & Support** To grow the construction sector in Pennine Lancashire and improve its ability to compete regionally and nationally - especially to assist local firms to secure local sponsored work
- **Jobs** To promote economic inclusion within the construction industry, to include increased local employment on projects within the Pennine Lancashire region
- **Sustainability & Technology** To promote sustainable construction methods and increase the use of new and emerging technologies using innovative solutions.



# How We do it

- **Guided by a steering group including key stakeholder bodies**
- **Housing Market Renewal (HMR) revenue and capital funding**
- **LEGI No Limits Funding**
- **Accessing external funding – Construction Skills, LSC, ESF, EDRF and others**

# Business Support

- CTF are working with local companies and suppliers, helping them develop their performance, so that they can tender for the new building sub-contracts that are now in place in Pennine Lancashire.
- Helping companies to achieve Investors in People and ISO9001; providing access to CHAS accreditation; aiding companies to achieve ISO14001 accreditation;
- Tender Health Clinics – independent advice on all aspects of tendering and bidding for work.
- Meet the developer events in Blackburn and Burnley. Future events are planned for Accrington.



# Business Support Continued...

- Best practice programme under The Sustainable Way Campaign bringing awareness to all aspects of Sustainability – economically and environmentally.

Forthcoming Sessions:

Carbon – 6th October

Material & Waste – 4th November

Energy – 1st December

Business Survival – Jan 2010

- Training Courses hosted and supported include:
  - Site Waste Management Plans Accreditation
  - Site Management Safety Training Scheme (5 day and refresher)
  - Asbestos Awareness Courses
  - Abrasive Wheels
  - Manual Handling
  - Working at Height

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# No Limits

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- This is an extension of CTF which allows us to work with micro construction businesses. We aim to help people start up in construction and encourage growth.
- Since September 2008 the project has supported over 160 businesses with start up and development grants.
- Created 75 jobs
- Trained 141 people on awareness courses
- New projects for this year include a training programme, and networking events for EM businesses.

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# Key Performance Indicators

- CTF have reviewed the performance indicators for the Elevate funded group repair work.
- The work whilst noting positive outcomes could be used to greatly improve upon current performance levels and recommendations for improvement and development have been made.

# Employment and Workless Training Programme

The Construction Agency



- The Construction Agency: 28 local employers are now registered to the agency. CTF are looking to further promote the service in the sub-region.
- NVQ1 training programme for 12 unqualified construction employees.
- LAP Learning Agreement Pilot 8 NVQ level 2 via private learning provider

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# Elevate YouthBuild

During 2008/09

Elevate YouthBuild  
assisted:

- 61 young people engaged
- 25 apprenticeships
- 47 candidates mentored

So far this 2009/10...

- 14 new apprenticeships



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# Education & Training – College Consortium



- A consortium involving Accrington and Rossendale, Blackburn and Burnley College has been formed to coordinate and develop training provision in Pennine Lancashire.
- Six working groups have been formed to deliver
  - pathway to HE,
  - marketing,
  - 14-19 group,
  - OSAT,
  - employer engagement,
  - innovation and development.
- CTF have supported activities such as staff development projects, including a partnership and best practice programme and the development of a professional award, which will run parallel to the existing NVQ2 award.

# National Skills Academy for Construction



- ConstructionSkills have marked their support for the work of CTF by establishing one of the first skills academies in Pennine Lancashire now in its second year.
- The project will develop and track training plans for the new build programme and include training events, awareness and other links to education.
- The Skills Academy compliments CTF's activities in up-skilling the workforce of Pennine Lancashire, and our education programme.

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# Schools Liaison

- LEBP completed their programme of Schools visits and careers awareness events in February. Their activities include: Providing specialist presentations and classes to 30 schools from East Lancashire 1295 school pupils have benefited from the programme.
- Two Work of World events have been held at Blackburn and Burnley with over 100 pupils attending each event. The project for 2009/10 is currently being delivered



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# Case Study:



**Karen Turner,  
Mitchells Scaffolding**

“A programme we have benefited from is the CTF Tender Health Clinic which is a comprehensive overview on pre-qualification questionnaires (PQQ) and tender writing.

“This has been invaluable when writing professional and competitive tender documents for public sector organisations, local authorities and councils, as the course offers advice on how to develop competitive responses and looks at ways to strengthen tender bids.”

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# Pennine Lancashire Development Company

- Progression
- Growth Sector
- Group Training Association/Apprentice Training Agency.

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# Impact

## **Jobs**

Youthbuild Project

61 young people engaged

25 apprenticeships

47 candidates mentored

37 trainee's received Manual Handling and First Aid training

23 candidates supported through the STEP into construction award

16 work experience placements

2 Apprenticeship Awards Bramel & Lovell

75 Jobs created NL

167 Start up Enquiries NL

## **Innovation & Technology**

Second Life presence

Construction agency web site redeveloped

Mobile web site created

Twitter group set up for construction agency

Software support for the Construction and the Built Environment diploma.

Carbon Calculator tool created

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## **Education & Training**

18 schools engaged

1430 school pupils

1 site visit

2 world of work events (interactive presentation)

1 Design & Sustainability presentation

29 professional qualifications

22 Nvq 1 & 2 qualifications

11 Site Waste management plans qualifications

Training sessions

68 trained on variety of courses

141 trained NL

## **Business Development & Support**

6 companies working towards ISO 9001

5 Companies working towards IIP

2 Companies working towards ISO 14001

3 Companies assisted on route2zero programme

1 Tender clinic 15 companies assisted

3 BME Network events 180 individuals supported NL

83 Business support grants awarded NL

## **Added Value**

2 Constructing Excellence North West regional awards Lancashire Best Practice award  
& North West people & jobs

23 student memberships CIOB

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