



## Construction Experience Afternoons

### Business Unit:

Carillion Building

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### Location:

Nottingham, Big Wood School

### In partnership with:

Nottingham LEP

Big Wood School

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### Sun Diagram impact area(s):

Sustainable Communities & Workforce



### Business Benefits

- Improve staff morale and company loyalty
- Upskilling of employees
- Sustainable recruitment

### Community Benefits

- Build talent and skills in pupils, helping them to successfully become part of the competitive workforce of the future
- Upskilling of local young people
- Raising aspirations of young people
- Improving employability of young people

Big Wood is the lead school for construction and will deliver the Construction & the Built Environment Diploma in partnership with Castle College. The diploma is equivalent to 5 GCSEs and will include functional skills in Mathematics, English and ICT.

Running parallel with the entire construction programme the Carillion Building team at Big Wood assisted the programme by providing a "Construction Experience Afternoon". In separate visits the Diploma students were given a taste of a live construction site instead of their previous experience within the confines of their training facility.

In a seminar environment the Year 10 students in groups of approximately 10 – 12 were given an hour long presentation / lecture on construction progress at the Big Wood School and tutored on specific construction techniques based on the images from the Big Wood build process, the importance of health and safety and also the different career options available in construction. They were given a site induction and the afternoon ended with a full site tour lead by the Project Manager.