



# Apprentices train on iconic project

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A TEAM of apprentices have been learning their trade while working on an iconic pavilion.

Twenty-three have taken up posts on a £5.2 million project at The Forest Recreation Ground.

The 16 to 19-year-olds, who are all students at New College Nottingham, were recruited through Nottingham City Council's employer hub.

They were selected to train on the 18-month programme which will equip them with a Level 2 NVQ in Site Trade, as well as hands-on skills and experience.

The apprentices joined a workforce averaging about 35 people who are employed locally on the project.

One of the apprentices, joiner David Nield, said: "It's a lot more interesting than a normal site. I've learned about traditional roofing and all aspects of joinery and restoration."

Jack Wakelin, Carillion apprentice bricklayer, said: "It's interesting learning about different things working with stone instead of just bricks."

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All of the apprentices applied for the opportunity through a selection process managed by the employer hub and New College Nottingham.

Candidates were assessed by Carillion, the design and construction contractor for the restoration project.

Peter Jones, placement and monitoring officer for Carillion Training Services, said: "These work placements offer valuable opportunities for anyone interested in pursuing a career within the construction industry, it's a chance to learn vital skills while being paid, which will equip them well for the future."

Steven Rick, head of employer responsive services at New College Nottingham, said: "It is fantastic that NCN students are involved in the development of such an exciting project for the city."

"We are proud that together with Carillion, we are able to offer them a first-rate experience of working in the con-

struction industry, thereby enhancing their employability in the future."

City councillor Dave Trimble said: "The restoration of The Forest Recreation Ground is creating training and employment opportunities for local people and providing contracts for local businesses."

"The work being done to restore the pavilion and the lodge are key elements."

The Post is urging employers to take on apprentices in our Get Notts Working campaign. We are looking to create 300 posts in 100 days.

The campaign is being run with the Derbyshire and Notts Chamber of Commerce, the National Apprenticeship Service, city council and Notts City and County Employment and Skills Board.

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