

## **Nottingham's LEP gives young people the opportunity to get into construction**

Nottingham's Local Education Partnership (LEP) has joined forces with youth charity The Prince's Trust to give young people the opportunity to try their hand at working in the construction industry.

The Prince's Trust Get into programme aims to give people aged 16 to 25, who are unemployed, the chance to train and get work experience in a variety of industries including construction. More than three in four young people on Prince's Trust programmes move into work, education or training.

Between 8 and 19 November 2010 the LEP, through its construction delivery partner Carillion Building and Training Services provider, is hosting a Get into Construction course at Nottingham Academy. A group of 15 young people from the local area will receive tuition in bricklaying, joinery, paving and other construction operations and will find out more about the construction industry through site tours and presentations.

On Friday, 19 November, young people who complete the Get into Construction course will be presented with a certificate by The Sheriff of Nottingham, Councillor Penny Griggs.

The LEP support the young people after they have completed The Prince's Trust course by providing four-week work experience placements at Carillion Building projects in Nottingham. Some of the young people will also progress into a Carillion Training Services Apprenticeship.

Nottingham's LEP is currently delivering Nottingham Academy which is benefiting from a £50 million investment from the Government. Nottingham Academy, sponsored by the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust, caters for 3,600 children aged three to 19 and specialises in mathematics, literacy and digital media. The academy is split across three sites in the east of the City; the Ransom Road site (the former Elliott Durham School) in Mapperley, the Greenwood Road 1 site (the former Jesse Boot Primary School) in Sneinton and the Greenwood Road 2 site (the former Greenwood Dale School) also in Sneinton. Phase 1 of the Ransom Road site was completed in August 2010 and provides a new base for Year 7 and 8 pupils in September. Phase 2 is underway and involves transforming the former Elliot Durham School building through extensive remodelling and refurbishment. Construction work is also currently underway at the Greenwood Road 1 site which will cater for pupils aged 3 to 16 and be completed in September 2011. Work will start at the Greenwood Road 2 site, which will cater for post-16 students, in 2011.

Nottingham's LEP is rebuilding and remodelling a number of schools in Nottingham and is delivering significant benefits to the city's economy through the creation of employment and training opportunities. The re-development of Nottingham Academy has created jobs for both skilled and unskilled workers and currently 30% of the people working on the Nottingham Academy Ransom Road site are from Nottingham.

Youth charity The Prince's Trust helps change young lives. It gives practical and financial support, developing key workplace skills such as confidence and



motivation. It works with 14-to-30-year-olds who have struggled at school, have been in care, are long-term unemployed or have been in trouble with the law.

Mark Harding, General Manager of Nottingham's LEP, said: "We have been delighted to join forces with The Prince's Trust to give young people in Nottingham the opportunity to gain knowledge of the construction industry and learn new skills which will hopefully boost their job prospects."

Jackie Tyler, Prince's Trust East Midlands Regional Director, said: "The Get into Construction course gives young people intensive training and experience of the construction industry to help them into a job. We work with young people who lack the relevant skills to get into work and this programme gives them the confidence and motivation they need to find employment."

Barry Day, Chief Executive of the academy sponsor; Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust, said: "We are delighted that the building of the Nottingham Academy is providing such extensive and excellent training facilities for local young people."

