

Business Unit:

 Carillion Building,
Nottingham

Date:

 4th-15th November 2013

Location:

Bluecoat School

In Partnership with:

 inspiredspaces Nottingham
& Business in the
Community

Key Contact:

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Outcome Area(s):

Our People

Community

Business Benefits:

Employee engagement

 Increased productivity
through raised staff morale

 Aligns with socio-economic
objectives and supports our
commitment to Nottingham
city.

 Corporate Social
Responsibility evidence

Community Benefits:

Raising aspiration

 Getting people back into
work

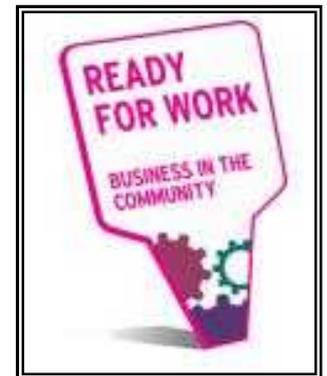
Business Action on Homelessness: Ready for Work fortnight- getting people back into the workplace

From 4th-15th November, our construction partners, Carillion Building, hosted a fortnight's work placement for Margiris Juska at their Bluecoat School site.

The programme, facilitated through Business in the Community, aims to get unemployed people back into the workplace.

During his time on site, Margiris was employed as a Site Compound Assistant and supervised on a range of tasks, some of which included:

- Maintaining pedestrian access routes in the site compound
- Directing and assisting with delivery vehicles
- Assisting the banksman
- Cleaning the site
- Erecting hoarding/fencing
- General labouring duties
- Assisting with the Gatehouse



Steve Woodcock from Carillion Building was Margiris' 'buddy' during the duration of the programme and provided him with some very positive feedback, saying: "Margiris was well motivated, conscientious and keen to take on responsibility. He had very good communication skills and asked questions when he was unsure about a task, fitted in well with the team and communicated well with the general public and other employees." Steve added that Margiris adapted to all tasks given to him and that you wouldn't have known he was on a work experience placement.

Margiris said of his time spent on site: "I particularly enjoyed working with my placement buddy Steve and as part of a team. I enjoyed the work and the placement has helped progress my English language skills. I enjoyed having a job to get up for. I sometimes found receiving instructions very quickly challenged my basic English language skills!"

On completion of the Ready for Work programme, Margiris has been paired with a job coach, who will help him compile a CV. Carillion Construction are also going to assist him in obtaining his CSCS card which will ensure that he is 'work ready' to undertake jobs on a construction site.

We would like to wish the best of luck to Margiris in his future endeavours and say a massive "thank you" to our colleagues at Carillion Building for supporting the 'Ready for Work' fortnight once again.

