

TEESWORKS
SKILLS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME...

Welcome to the third issue of the Teesworks Skills Academy newsletter!

So much is happening on site – construction of our brand new £2.1million facility is almost complete and we're ready to move in, to continue to help upskill, retrain, and provide opportunities for local people to secure jobs across the site. Once open, the academy will welcome Teesworks' investors and developers through its doors who'll be able to access support for their specific needs quickly and effectively, right on their doorstep.

To date we have received more than 4,000 enquiries, showcasing the demand for support as well as interest in the opportunities Teesworks Skills Academy has to offer. Of those enquiries, we've been able to support almost 1,900 people so far, with more than a quarter of them securing local employment.

With numbers like these, the scale of opportunities across the Teesworks site, and the impact the Academy is having, is clear to see.

In March, we supported International Women's Day by providing a chance for local students to

get a rare behind-the-scenes view of the 4,500 acre site. They were able to witness first-hand the many projects under way covering demolition, engineering and construction. You can read more about that next, alongside a fantastic example of the academy's work in progress.

With building set to start on the mammoth SeAH Wind offshore facility this summer, Net Zero Teesside Power gathering pace, construction of the South Bank Quay, new roads being laid plus much more, there has never been a better time to get involved.

To keep up to date with activity across the site and the opportunities on offer, sign up here: <https://orlo.uk/JbhYO>.

We look forward to welcoming you through our doors very soon,

Graeme Wood
Manager
Teesworks Skills Academy



COURSES

COURSE	LOCATION	DATES	DURATION	CERTIFICATES
Reinstatement	Hartlepool College	09/05/2022, 23/05/2022	10 days	Dumper, Ride on Roller, CSCS
Civils Build	Hartlepool College	02/05/2022, 09/05/2022 23/05/2022, 30/05/2022	10 days	360 Excavator
H&S - CCNSH Renewal	NETA Training Group	05/05/2022, 11/05/2022	1 day	ECITB Card
Scaffolding - COTS	NETA Training Group	05/05/2022, 25/05/2022	1 day	CISRS Certificate & Card
Electrical Compex Gas (Units 1-4)	NETA Training Group	23/05/2022	5 days	JTL Certificate
ACS Commercial Gas - Re-Assment	NETA Training Group	11/05/2022	3 days	LCL Awards Certificate
Abrasive Wheels	TTE	26/05/2022	1 day	City & Guilds Qualification
Level 3 Award in Requirements for Electrical Installations (18th Edition)	TTE	04/05/2022, 06/05/2022	3 days	Level 3 City & Guilds Qualification

SECURE YOUR PLACE

For further information or to register please contact Redcar & Cleveland Employment & Training Hub.

Email: hubs@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk **Tel:** (01642) 459035 (available between 8:30am and 4pm)

Disclaimer: Funding may be available for some of these courses, subject to terms and conditions, details will be provided upon further enquiry



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



The future of Teesworks is in their hands!

With only 25% of the STEM workforce currently female, it is vital we help girls with a passion for these areas realise their potential and secure opportunities across our region so they can stay local and go far.

With that in mind, we gave six young women from Middlesbrough College, all interested in STEM, an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Teesworks site in recognition of International Women's Day.

The tour took in major demolition projects across the huge site including the Redcar Blast Furnace, Sinter Plant and BOS Plant before heading down to see the development under way at the £107million South Bank Quay and the earmarked SeAH site, set to produce the world's largest plant for producing wind turbine monopiles.

As part of the tour, the students met the Tees Valley's female business leaders as well as representatives from the Academy and the Education Training Collective, providing an

opportunity to find out more about jobs and training opportunities.

Joely, one of the students joining the session said: "I didn't realise the number of opportunities on Teesworks – it's given me a lot to think about for my career."

Erika Marshall, Group Marketing Director of the Education Training Collective – Teesworks Skills Academy's delivery partner – said: "The opportunities for young people on our doorstep are immense, so many sectors are booming here including in the STEM arena, and there is a real need to open the eyes of our young people to those opportunities. I was never told about the possibilities of being an engineer or a construction manager or even of the roles which support those professions, so to be able to share some of my own experience to raise the aspirations of the young women who joined us for this tour is something I am really passionate about – how can our young people aspire to be a 'something' if they don't know that 'something' exists?"

CASE STUDY - LUCY



Teesworks Skills Academy opens up a new career path for Lucy.

Lucy, inspired by her father's profession and passion for the engineering industry, embarked on a Level 3 Generalised 2580 Engineering qualification to help fulfil her dreams of following in his footsteps.

After she completed her course with Redcar & Cleveland College, she was supported by the Academy to gain a work placement with Thompsons of Prudhoe and the 20-year-old has now gained full-time employment with the firm. Lucy said: "It's been incredible. I've had the chance to see things people never see in a lifetime [working on site] and even though I thought I knew what I wanted to do, my work has given me different opportunities.

"I've had some experiences in the past where I've been told that this is 'no environment for a woman' to work in, but here [Thompsons of

Prudhoe] it wasn't even an issue, I was just 'one of them', all together; and I'm really excited about this opportunity.

"I would absolutely encourage more people, and girls, to look at the Teesworks Skills Academy – it meant I could do my training and it has already led me to work, which is amazing."

Training Co-ordinator for Thompsons of Prudhoe, Sandra Lee, said: "Teesworks Skills Academy has been instrumental in helping us find, train and upskill local people – which is a big focus of the company."

Following the successful completion of her course in June, Lucy has been invited to take up a full-time role with the company.

[Click here to watch the video.](#)