

Newsletter

Cyfle Building Skills...to educate, inspire and support people to develop careers in the construction sector....



Cyfle Launch at the Senedd

Deputy Minister for skills and Technology, Ken Skates, joined CITB Wales and representatives from across South West Wales to launch Cyfle Building Skills.

The Launch in the Senedd, Cardiff was an opportunity for the Deputy Minister to meet apprentices and employers involved in the scheme which allows apprentices to move between employers in order to complete a two-year apprenticeship programme. It also provides a solution for smaller businesses that would like to support local skills development, but would struggle to take on an apprentice full term or offer the appropriate training and experience due to shorter contracts.

The Cyfle Scheme is supported by the Welsh Government, CITB, Industry Training Groups and various Stakeholders. [Please visit our website for further information including details of our delivery partners www.cyflebuilding.co.uk](http://www.cyflebuilding.co.uk)

Cyfle Building Skills is a New Regional Shared Apprenticeship Scheme that will create a minimum 140 apprenticeships across South West Wales in its first 2 years. It is a shared apprenticeship scheme launched by South West Wales Regional Shared Apprenticeship Ltd (SWWSAL) and CITB. The aim is to provide a service which supports young adults into sustainable employment within the construction industry. This will help young people further their careers and their chances of gaining employment. They will have the opportunity to gain an NVQ level 2 & 3.

Cyfle will introduce new tradespeople into the sector and boost employment. It also means that, in this tough economic climate contractors are not tied to supporting full-time apprenticeships.

The Shared Apprenticeship Scheme allows apprentices to complete a full apprenticeship programme by working with a number of different employers, to gain the skill sets they require to become qualified.

It has been set up to help employers who want to support the development of skills while working on regional contracts, but are not in a position to offer a full term apprenticeship, and who wish to support training the future workforce.

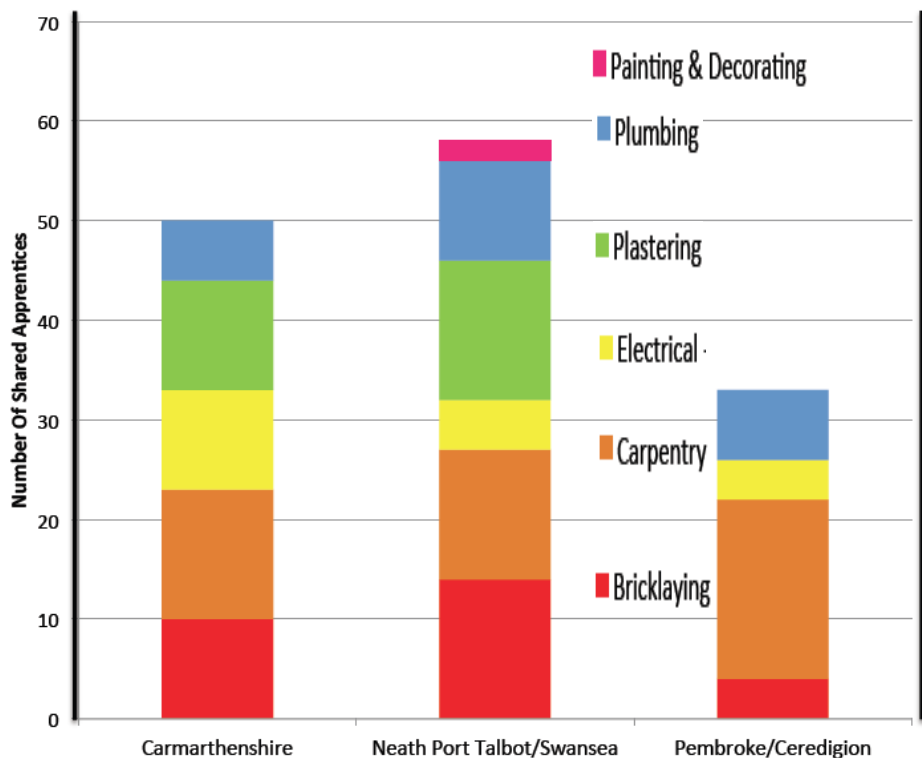
National Skills Academy for Construction (South West Wales)

The vision of the National Skills Academy for Construction is to deliver high quality, tailored training on site - preparing local people for jobs, and raising the skills of construction workers throughout the supply chain.

The South West Wales Skills Academy is unique, as it is project rather than program based. The Academy currently has 16 projects, engaging with 9 contractors and 5 local authorities. The South West Wales Skills Academy is due to commence on the 1st August 2014.



Shared Apprentices (South West Wales Region)



Carmarthenshire

Neath Port Talbot/Swansea

Pembrokeshire/Ceredigion



Congratulations to EFOD Carmarthenshire for winning the Chairman's Special Award at the Construction Excellence Wales Award Ceremony in Cardiff

Within the last year a team of 14 regional representatives embarked on a life changing journey to Uganda, to build a Mill and Grain Storage Facility for the Kachumbala Widows Co-operative. Welsh apprentices had an exceptional chance to experience another culture whilst working with local communities to enhance trade and life skills to benefit communities in Uganda and at home.

For further details on EFOD (Engineers For Overseas Development) who aim to deliver projects which improve the health, hygiene, education and self-sufficiency of poverty afflicted communities in a sustainable manner please visit their website www.efod.co.uk



