

Dear Supporter,



Firstly I would like to express my congratulations and delight at London winning the Olympic bid. The opportunities and benefits for our young people and the industry as a whole will be immense. We look forward to working with all areas of the sector to ensure maximum gain for younger generations.

Since our last newsletter we have adopted a new working name. For some time we have felt that the old name (Construction Industry Trust for Youth) and especially its acronym CITY linked us too closely and wrongly to London, failing to reflect the national scope of the Trust's work.

I hope you will agree with me that the new name - Construction Youth Trust, and logo, are more modern and reflect the forward-looking attitude of the Trust.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to our new and continuing supporters whose donations, programme support and hard work are enabling the Trust to grow from strength to strength.

Phil Wildman
Director

Tonypandy Community College

In May, we granted funding for an evening 'Introduction to Plumbing' course at Tonypandy Community College in Wales.

This much-needed, and free, training avenue for the local community, consisted of a ten-week basic plumbing programme, and was held during May and June. On successful completion of the course the applicants gained Level 1 and Level 2 Open College Network unit accreditations.

The first course, which quickly established a waiting list, was an enormous success, and already the next two courses are running at full capacity.



Glen L'Homme, pictured right, said:

"It's been a great opportunity for me, thanks to everybody concerned, I'm really enjoying myself."

Meet The New Trustees



We have recently appointed two new Trustees; Paul Hyett (left) and Andy Wates.

Paul Hyett, a distinguished architect, is Chairman of Ryder HKS. He was also President of RIBA from 2001 to 2003 and is now responsible for their international affairs. Speaking of the Trust Paul comments: "Few organisations offer such broad benefits to the community. I cannot think of a more worthwhile cause...I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to the Trust."

Andy Wates is a fourth generation owner of the Wates Group, and a Director of Wates Interiors. "By providing young people with access to training and education the Trust makes a significant contribution to the challenges our industry faces. I believe we can make a genuine difference."



CITB Diversity Alliance

In our last newsletter we reported on our partnership with CITB-Construction Skills to support them in their mission to increase the number of women and ethnic minorities employed in the sector. Our aim is to build up to an aggregate of 400 new entrants over the next three years.

In September last year, we appointed Christine Townley, a chartered civil engineer to lead on this initiative. For the first 10 years of her career Christine worked for consulting engineers on the design and construction of dams and flood barriers.

"I left the industry nearly 20 years ago to work in education" says Christine "and have been amazed to find that little has changed in that time with respect to diversity; but I must say that I am heartened by the commitment of the industry to change this"

We are working with regeneration programmes and employment initiatives as well as private and public sector employers to not just change the face of construction but also address skills shortages.

As part of our programme we aim to build on the success of Building London Creating Futures and plan to support the implementation of workplace coordinators in other parts of the country. In recognition of the role that clients can play in supporting the drive for a diverse workforce we are also working with social housing landlords to develop KPIs that support training and employment opportunities for local communities.

If you are interested in discussing diversity please call Christine on 0207 227 4564 or email her at Christine.Townley@thecc.org.uk



Lighthouse Club donates £20,000

The Trust has recently secured a £20,000 donation from The Lighthouse Club. "This is a significant moment for us," says Club President Keith Clarke, "and one that hopefully will lead to a major difference to many young lives."

The focus of this donation will principally benefit Trust partnerships in Wales. Unit 19 in New Sandfields is one such collaborating partner, two Port Talbot schools are being supported and some 17 pupils will receive courses in basic construction skills starting in September. "The course aims to equip them with an interest in employment in the industry and a competitive edge in their application" says Trust Director, Philip Wildman.

The funds will also contribute towards the community programme taking place at Tonypany Community College (see front page). In addition we expect to support one young undergraduate civil engineer in Swansea for his third year, and will be examining applications for one or two more grants this summer.

"This generous grant will be matched by ourselves and our collaborating partners, thus the value of the gift from the Club is multiplied. I am most grateful for the Club's support, and I know those who benefit will be so too," adds Philip.

The Lighthouse Club is currently in its 49th year. For more information please visit www.lighthouseclub.org.



Unit 19, Port Talbot

Sell Out Success For Annual Concert

On 8th December 2004, we held the Trust's 12th annual concert at the Carpenters' Hall in London. The evening included a performance of classical music by the prestigious Royal College of Music Junior Department, followed by a buffet dinner.

Around 150 people attended the sell-out event, including guests from the construction sector, bursary holders, project partners, beneficiaries and the Trust's patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG, GCVO.

We also hosted a concert in April and would like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors of both the Spring and Christmas concerts, to all the guests and to all those who were unable to attend but sent a donation.

Don't forget this year's annual concert which will be held at the Carpenters' Hall on December 15th at 7pm.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, advertising in the programme or would simply like to join us please contact Beryll Camplin on Tel: 020 7227 4563 or email: beryll.camplin@thecc.org.uk



Trust representatives and bursary students at the annual concert (l to r) Faith Elliot, Philip Wildman - Director, Rod Bennion - Chairman, Sir Michael Latham - President, HRH The Duke of Gloucester - Patron and Nida Rehman

Mobile Classroom Expands

Earlier in the year the Trust committed further funding to expand the Surrey Mobile Construction Classroom to 3 vehicles.

The third vehicle will cover the Epsom area of Surrey and will begin visiting schools in September. The scheme, initiated by Surrey Education and Business Partnership, already has two vehicles, the second, covering the Spelthorne Borough, received financial support from the Trust in October 2004.

Pupils in Year 10 and 11 have benefited from weekly visits, with the vehicle on site for a minimum of half a day each week. Of the 180 students who began back in September 2004, 139 have qualified for one or more of the Open College Network construction awards.

Between them the two vans have visited 12 schools so far on a weekly basis, and every school has re-booked the scheme for the next academic year. The introduction of a third van will enable the scheme to accommodate new schools into the programme, meet the current demand and reach even more students.

Bursary students bag top placements



T5 bursary student cohorts 1&2 with Trust, BAA, CITB and placement company representatives

Congratulations to the Construction Youth Trust/BAA joint bursary students who secured paid summer placements as a result of the bursary lunch networking event held on Tuesday 12th April. The students, accompanied by Trust and BAA staff members and a number of construction company representatives, enjoyed lunch at the Renaissance Hotel, finishing with a tour of the Terminal 5 site.

Aaron Jessop, studying architecture at Strathclyde University, has secured a summer placement with Hotchkiss, after meeting with project coordinator Terry Peters. Speaking about his reasons for choosing Hotchkiss Aaron remarks; *"It was a fantastic opportunity to get on site at one of the largest construction operations being undertaken in the UK. I wanted a work placement with Hotchkiss because I'd like to learn about ventilation systems and understand the process through from manufacture to installation. As an architect it is important to understand these methods, and this is the best time to learn."*

Jennifer Maber and Nida Rehman have been offered work placements with Warings, Malcolm Pinto has been offered a placement with Morgan Vinci, George Starzecki and Darren Crook have secured summer placements with Balfour Beatty. MACE and HOK supplied placements last year. George, who worked for MACE said; *"I found it very interesting and exciting to work on a project the scale of T5, it also opened my eyes to the possibilities of working in the construction and management industries once I have completed my degree. The summer placement gave me the opportunity to earn some extra cash for the new term and I also managed to meet some very good contacts."*

Congratulations and good luck in the future.

Anthony Aldrich picks up Gold

Anthony Aldrich, a Barking College student assisted by the Trust has picked up gold at the Annual Junior London Regional Skillbuild Bricklaying awards.

Anthony was presented with the plans for a complex brick construction, bricks and mortar and had six hours to complete the task.

He first attended Barking College as a full time bricklaying student after becoming disenchanted with school. It wasn't long until his enthusiasm for construction was realised, and after one year he was offered a bricklayer apprenticeship with Frank Staddon Ltd.

Director Mark Staddon is so pleased with his progress that he added a congratulatory £100 bonus to Anthony's wages.



Anthony Aldrich with his gold award winning brickwork

Two Royal Visits

On the 22nd of June our patron HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO attended two visits on behalf of the Trust.

The first was to the successful Trust partnership programme First Start, initiated by Kier Islington (see below). The Duke was introduced to key members of training staff and some of the recent students.

The second visit was to the new Arsenal Emirates Stadium by kind permission of Arsenal FC and Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd.

Guests also included senior construction industry representatives and Trust beneficiaries. The Duke enjoyed a project briefing from the project management team, followed by a tour of the site.

First Start Awards

The 4th of February saw the 2nd annual awards ceremony for trainees on the Kier Islington First Start Programme, sponsored by the Construction Youth Trust.

Our congratulations to the 21 trainees who graduated from the scheme after completing the refurbishment of a much needed four bedroom house.

This refurbishment supplied on the spot skills training to local young people over a 12 week period, in addition to health and safety, IT and personal development skills. Let's hope the next intakes are as productive as you!

Building Awards raise £15,000

The 11th annual Building Awards, which took place at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane on 26th April, have netted the Construction Youth Trust £15,000 from the proceeds of the heads and tails game.

Guests paid £10 to enter, aiming to win the fantastic prize of a one week, first class holiday for two to Dubai.

The winner Brian Cottam of the David Mclean Group scooped two business class tickets to Dubai - courtesy of Emirates Airline and one week, full board in the five star Royal Mirage Hotel.

We would like to thank both Emirates Airline and The Royal Mirage Hotel for donating such a wonderful prize, CMP Information for the opportunity and of course all those of you who played along on the night. Congratulations Brian, not bad for a tenner!



Participants try their luck to win Dubai holiday at the Building Awards

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We would like to thank all of our new and continuing donors for their valued support:

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We are grateful to those companies and individuals who via the Pinsent Mason seminars have so kindly donated to the Trust, and a big thank you to all the companies and organisations who work in collaboration with the Trust:

We would also like to thank Katherine Flower and staff at the Construction Confederation for all their valued contributions to the Trust.

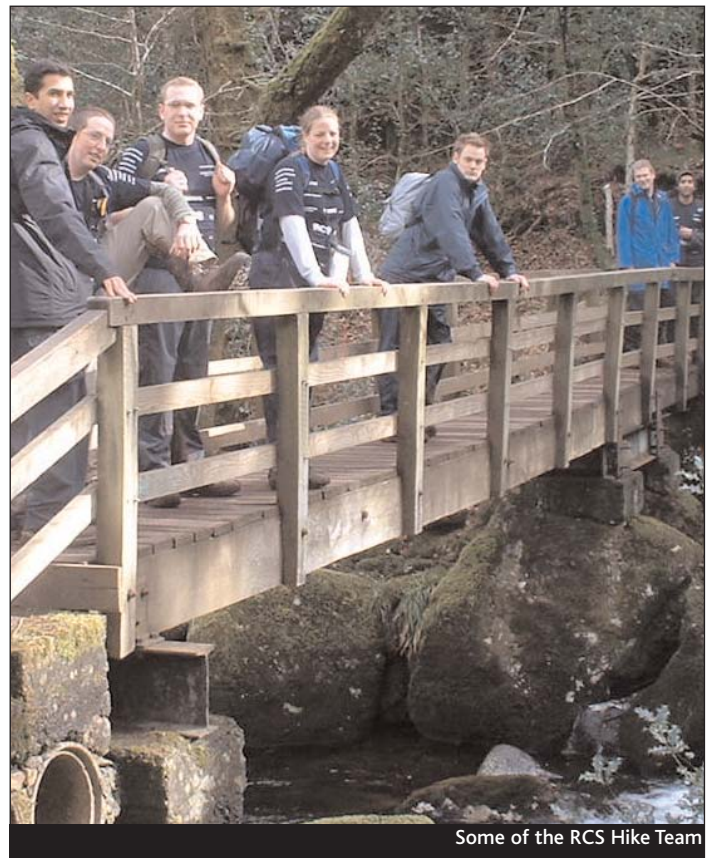
RCS Sponsored Walk

In March a team of 14 Raynesway Construction South (RCS) graduates completed a 50-mile sponsored hike across Dartmoor. The three day, team building walk raised an amazing £2,733.

When asked why they chose Construction Youth Trust, graduate Luke Gee commented; *"We think it is important to get young people into the industry. We hope that this event, the first of its kind, will become a regular fixture."*

Trust Director Philip Wildman comments: *"We think this is a wonderful initiative, and are particularly pleased that a group of graduates who have already had their break into the industry, are so willing to help others their age who may not have been so lucky."*

A big thank you to RCS who covered the cost of the hike, all sponsors and of course, a massive thank you and congratulations to the hikers themselves.



Some of the RCS Hike Team

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