

## Leicester College student experiences work life at Winvic

Leicester City Council organised a work experience placement for a student from Leicester College to learn about the construction industry.

Harminder Singh Babra, who studies Construction and the Build Environment at Leicester College, undertook a week's placement at Winvic.

Winvic are currently re-developing the Vaughan Way site located opposite the Highcross shopping centre to deliver a mixed-use commercial and residential development.



Harminder, who hopes to study architecture at university next year, said: "I like being on site and being able to see the design and construction process at first hand. The work placement has given me the chance to spend time on a live construction site and find out more about the careers available. I have a better understanding of how the industry works. I would urge anyone to make the most of the work experience opportunity."



Project Manager Sandra Rieger explained: "Leicester City Council has been working with Winvic on the Constructing Leicester initiative, which is supporting local residents to increase experience and skills in the construction sector. Work placements, curriculum support activities, apprenticeships and employment opportunities are all part of the menu which is based on an approach endorsed by the Construction Industry Training Board."

Jasdeep Atwal, Work Placement Progression Coordinator at Leicester College, said: "As well as giving individuals a taster of how life would be as an apprentice, work placements gives them the opportunity to show their enthusiasm to potential employers and is a great addition to their CVs."

Dave Evans, Project Manager at Winvic, concluded: “There’s no better way to get a feel for the industry than to spend time with people who know it the best. Placements allow individuals to experience the industry first hand, helping them to decide whether it is right for them.”

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