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Patrycja Banas, work placement case study

Leicester College BTEC student Patrycja Banas secured a work placement with construction firm 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.

Patrycja, who is looking for an apprenticeship in construction and dreams of becoming a Building Surveyor, enjoyed her experience at Winvic. She said: "I am a hands-on person and to be able to spend time on a live construction site has given me a taster of how life would be as an apprentice. I am fascinated by all the drawings that go into the project."

Sandra Rieger, who coordinates work experience placements as part of the City Council's Constructing Leicester initiative explained: "The construction sector is in the grips of a skills shortage. By providing work placement opportunities, contractors can demonstrate the range of careers available within the industry and capture the enthusiasm of students."

Jasdeep Atwal, Work Placement Progression Coordinator at Leicester College, said: "A lot of young people do not have a good understanding of the range of careers available in construction. Work experience is a great way to give them an initial taste of the industry and provide a stepping stone into further training".

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Contact Sandra Rieger on 0116 454 2942



Stephen Gascoyne, Project Manager at Winvic and Leicester College student Patrycja Banas

Stephen Gascoyne, Project Manager at Winvic, concluded: "We are delighted to give local students the chance to gain much-needed industry experience. One of the great things about work experience is that it gives them a chance to try things out. We hope that we can enthuse and inspire the next generation of construction workers."

Details about the Constructing Leicester initiative are available from Michael Rose on 0116 454 2947 and Sandra Rieger on 0116 454 2942. Alternatively, e-mail: michael.rose@leicester.gov.uk or sandra.rieger@leicester.gov.uk