

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

CASE STUDY: JOHNSTONE TOWN HALL



The Johnstone Town Hall is an excellent example of hub West Scotland's commitment to delivering real community benefits and making a positive impact to local communities.

The Johnstone Town Hall project is a £12M purpose built building designed to house a range of community services including Johnstone library, a theatre space, marriage suite, conference space meeting rooms and a café.

Through a partnership approach between hub West Scotland, Primary Contractor, BAM, Renfrewshire Council Employability & Education services and West College Scotland, Paisley Campus, the project delivered and supported a wide range of community benefit activities.

EDUCATION ENGAGEMENT

The project engaged with St Benedict's High School, a school local to the project, and developed a schedule of engagement activities. A timetable and schedule for work experience placements that accommodated the

school's curriculum and the project was developed to ensure work experience placements would provide pupils with "real life" experience. The school then selected three pupils to undertake placements on a part time basis, one afternoon per week over a 9 week period. During the placements pupils gained practical experience across trades such as joinery, electrical and painting and decorating. The ambition of the placements was to inspire pupils to consider and pursue a career within the construction industry. The project team also provided senior pupils from St Benedict's with a site visit and a careers workshop, which provided an insight into careers within the construction industry. The pupils rotated between the various career stations which were filled by representatives from hub West Scotland, BAM, CITB and project subcontractors FES.

Additional work placements and site visits were also given to students from Paisley University and construction students from West College Scotland, Paisley Campus.

- **hub West Scotland is committed to the delivery of community benefits through every planned investment.**
- **The hub West Scotland team includes a specialist Project Skills Co-ordinator who leads on all its community benefit-related initiatives.**
- **From local employment and training to local education initiatives and community engagement, hub West Scotland works with its participants and supply chain partners to identify new opportunities with the potential to make a positive social and economic impact, which add real value to every project.**
- **Every hub West Scotland project is planned at an early stage to identify how best it can leave a legacy of enhanced skills, new opportunities and improved economy for its local community.**

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**Construction Manager,
BAM**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fourteen employment opportunities were created throughout the duration of the project; this included a variety of graduate roles and apprenticeships.



Representatives from hWS, Renfrewshire Council and BAM with some of the individuals who secured employment on the project.



Johnstone Town Hall operational from spring 2015

“BAM are delighted to be working in partnership with hWS to deliver real community benefits within Johnstone. Work opportunities for local tradesmen and apprentices have been created.”

Brian Linden, Construction Manager, BAM Construction Ltd