



Construction in the London Enterprise Panel area

Helping you to achieve growth



Construction helps you to achieve economic growth

The construction industry accounts for **8% of United Kingdom Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** and has a workforce of **2.6 million**. The industry generates a **return of £2.84** to the economy for every pound of investment.

The role of construction

The construction industry plays a leading role in delivering economic growth. The industry is essential in meeting the economic and social challenges that Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) face across the infrastructure, housing, repair and maintenance, industrial and commercial sectors.

Whether you are working to meet your area's housing needs or to deliver iconic infrastructure, **we can help** you to plan and maximise your skills outcomes through construction.





We want to help you **use construction to drive long-term growth and jobs** across the London Enterprise Panel area and your priority sectors. We work with LEPs and bring together industry to find solutions to address the current and future skills needs of construction businesses in the LEP area.

With the economy now strong and continuing to grow, the UK construction industry needs to attract 43,000 new recruits every year for the next five years to meet the increased demand for skills and to replace those leaving the sector. We will continue to work with your LEP and local partners to support and bring growth to the London Enterprise Panel area through the development of employment and skills in local construction businesses.

Who we are

CITB is the Construction Industry Training Board. We work with the construction industry to reduce skills gaps, train the workforce and inspire the next generation of people to work in the industry.



If you want to deliver growth in your area, we can help, contact Janette Welton-Pai, Partnership Manager on **07785 532793** or **janette.welton-pai@citb.co.uk**

In the London Enterprise Panel area, there are 39,880 construction businesses and 309,400 construction jobs.



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The Greater London Joint Initiative promotes economic growth by investing in skills and supporting local employment opportunities

CITB is working in partnership with the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) to deliver a programme to address construction skills gaps in the city.

The Greater London Joint Initiative, which is funded by CITB and the LEP, is supporting industry growth by creating construction employment and skills opportunities that reflect the needs of the capital.

Each project that makes up the programme has been developed in close conjunction with London construction employers and stakeholders.

The partnership, which supports the Mayor's Jobs and Growth Plan for the city, is boosting construction industry growth by:

- Providing support for unemployed construction workers to help them re-enter the industry
- Implementing a work placement scheme that provides an opportunity for young people to discover the variety of career opportunities available in the construction sector
- Offering construction SMEs access to a range of specialist business training opportunities to help employers win new contracts
- Coordinating a graduate placement scheme

Providing access to bespoke support to help construction clients adopt the employer-led National Skills Academy for Construction Client Based Approach for public procurement and planning.

"As a contractor that has been engaged in working with local communities, we know that the talent and skills are out there," says Kevin O'Connor, Head of Social Responsibility and Inclusion at Durkan Limited.

"However, identifying the right candidates, when you need them, remains a real problem. The Greater London Joint Initiative has gone a long way to helping constructors address this issue by addressing a number of key elements in a unified programme.

"By delivering these key engagement strands in one pan-London programme, the Greater London Joint Initiative offers an innovative outcome-driven product that provides an excellent pilot for a sustainable longer-term model."

Six projects are being delivered under the Greater London Joint Initiative (2015–2016). For more information please visit: citb.co.uk/local-information/london/ greater-london-joint-initiative



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