

All about Construction

Newsletter – Christmas Edition

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Welcome to the Christmas edition of our construction newsletter. You have made it through the first term. 2020/2021 has had a bit of strange start to the year with local and national restrictions due to covid. However, we must recognise the resilience and drive of our centres, staff, and learners. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Let's hope for a more prosperous 2021.

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Employer & Industry Board- Chair and Vice-Chair Announcements

We are delighted to announce Kate Parker and Kat Healey as our newly appointed Chair & Vice Chair.

Kate has been part of the Procure Plus team since 2009. Working as a Senior Regeneration Manager, with Particular responsibility for the group's training and employment activities. Kate has worked in the sector for over 15 years, both in the UK and overseas.

Kate brings to the role a wealth of specialist knowledge of the apprenticeship and vocational training landscape, particularly within the construction industry, and an interest in supporting people from marginalised communities gain access to opportunities,



Kat has over 8 years' experience working within the built environment supporting, creating, and promoting construction sector career opportunities, Kat brings with her a wealth of experience in both technical and non-technical career pathways in construction.

Kat is a collaborative worker and believes in strength in numbers and has worked with a broad range of stakeholders, both in education and the industry to ensure that the skills agenda is current, accessible, and understood.



Construction End Point assessment including PMO

PMO

Following a standardisation event with the EPA, External quality assurance body for this apprenticeship standard some slight amendments have been made to the EPA. The changes that have been implemented are

- Introduction of three additional interview questions covering the remaining Behaviours from the standard.
- Increased interview time from 20 to 30-45 minutes due to the additional questions.
- Increased timings for the EPA day structure to incorporate the increased interview time.

The new PMO EPA centre guide can be found [here](#). You will need to obtain the password from Walled Garden.

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Sign up to the City & Guilds EPA in Construction webinar series

City & Guilds will be hosting two more webinars in December to support you with the new apprenticeship standards. These webinars will provide you with advice and guidance on EPA, and updates on how we can support your deliver in Carpentry and Joinery, and Painting and Decorating.

Please see [Link](#) to sign up today

If you missed the Bricklayer and Plasterer standards webinar you can view the recording by clicking onto the following links:

Bricklayer: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/664084543492147727>

Plasterer: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8318286361787384066>

For more information about our apprenticeship support click on the link to our dedicated web page <https://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships>

Qualification updates- VRQs, NVQs and Technicals- Mitigation

VRQs and NVQs

The new Construction NVQs in Wall and Floor Tiling, Trowel and Wood are live and funded through ESFA. As a reminder the previous NVQs closed on the 30 Sept 2020. The new qualifications and supporting documents can be found [here](#)

- 6560-04 Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Wall and Floor Tiling (Construction)
- 6570-04 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)
- 6570-05 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations (Construction)
- 6571-41 to 46 Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction)
- 6571-51 to 57 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations (Construction)

Curriculum Planning 2021-22

Join us on our webinar to help towards your curriculum planning for 2021-22 on the 11 Jan 2021 <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2587847260216077068>

Technical Qualifications

If you missed our webinars on the construction technical qualifications, you can listen to the recordings here:

First steps: Preparation to teach video https://youtu.be/jOW3GzEqJ_Q

Next steps recording <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/912877636273741324>

Slides; [Here](#)

Mitigation webinars

If you missed our mitigation webinar on Thursday 3 December, please click on this link to view the recording <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2070917368166840321>

A follow up mitigation webinar will take place on 21 January with a focus on FAQs. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7847126937568021520>

New product updates - T Levels and Qualification Wales

T Levels

October was a significant month in the development of the T Levels as we worked towards our final submission. We are yet to hear official feedback from the Institute of Apprenticeships and Technical Education but are extremely pleased with how the TQ and assessments have shaped up.

On a personal note from the Construction team here at City and Guilds we would like to firstly recognise all the support we received from consultants, centres, and employers. Without your input and expertise this would not have been possible.

We would also like to give a huge shout out and thank you to our QAD team here at City & Guilds, Richard, Lisa, and Carly, who worked tirelessly day and night on making the product the very best it could be.



We have just held our familiarisation webinars in late November with support from colleagues at **ESFA**. The webinars were well attended and had excellent input from ESFA. We now move onto our next webinar which will focus on the Core Component and look more closely at the content. There will also be opportunity for Q&A as well as support from colleagues at **ETF**, who are also presenting. The webinar will take place on 9th December 2020 at 12:30pm and you can register here <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3587578208746440464>

Contact details-

For our TAs to deliver the bespoke support needed on the occupational specialisms we need a little help from our centres. We have created a T level Provider Contact Update Form which can be completed by tutors, heads of department etc. this allows us to be able to invite delivery staff to our Occupational Specialism sessions relevant to them. Can you please complete the form [here?](#)

We also have a **mandatory** T Level provider pre-approval form that has to be complete by all wave 1 and wave 2 providers. We only want this completing once by each eligible provider for wave 1 and 2. You can access the form [here.](#)

Unfortunately, this invitation is strictly for providers who have been approved to deliver T Levels and associated organisations.

Supportive links-

You can access the draft Construction Technical Qualification Spec [here.](#)

This [link](#) will take you to our Construction/BSE T Level section of the website.

Qualification Wales

As you are aware City and Guilds and EAL are working in collaboration to develop a new suite of fundable Construction and Building Services Engineering qualifications in Wales which will be available for first teaching from September 2021.

The count is well and truly on its way as the new qualifications will be available for first teaching from September 2021. Only learners who register for study on or after 1st September 2021 will take the new qualifications. The existing qualifications will remain in place until that date.

Keep up to date and sign up to our preference centre to make the news and information we send you more relevant to what you would like to hear about. Once you have signed up you can update your preferences at any time. Sign up to today-

<https://www.skillsforwales.wales/sign-up>

Commencing January 2021 we will be offering a range of online, and face-to-face events at locations all over Wales, to support teachers, trainers and assessors in the delivery and review of our new suite of construction and building services engineering qualifications. We begin with Preparation to deliver the Foundation Qualification. The webinars will provide a high-level overview for those preparing to deliver the Foundation in Construction and Building Services Engineering qualification and /or its associated Core qualification. We will be running the same webinar on two separate dates which are as follows.

20th January 14:00pm-16:00 pm preparation to deliver the Foundation qualification. to register click on link.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1178660383340542480>

22nd January 10:00-12:00 pm Preparation to deliver the Foundation qualification. To register click on the link. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6569539506049009935>

Nations update- Northern Ireland and Scotland

For the 2020/21 academic year, we recognise that the ongoing nature of this pandemic will likely cause further disruptions for learners and centres and that the observation of government guidance will prove additional challenges for the administrations of assessments.

For the academic year 2020/21, centres should plan to, and wherever possible, deliver all assessments in line with the requirements set out in City and Guilds handbooks and assessment materials.

Where this is not possible City and Guilds has devised adaptation guidance.

The guidance document sets out the flexibilities and adaptations permitted for all qualifications regulated.

The guidance documents are located here,

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/covid-19/nations>

ILM Construction

Did you know that we also have a construction offer within ILM?

ILM's Level 3 Qualifications in Leadership and Management Practice for the Construction and Built Environment Sector are aimed at team leaders, supervisors, foremen and site managers. The qualifications give learners a thorough understanding of leadership and management principles to effectively lead, supervise and safely manage staff in the sector.

All ILM qualifications are built to maximise flexibility which means learners can use credits from successfully completed units to for other ILM qualifications. Units available include:

- Delivery of site operation and logistics.
- Handling difficult situations.
- Achieving performance through people.
- Diversity in the workplace.

Please visit our Construction ILM webpage [here](#).

You can access the full qualification [here](#).

For more information and support please contact our TA Jason Howe or our ILM TAs Karen Egan or Jill Hansen

Future events and webinars

Due to the current climate we are converting (where possible) all our network events to webinars. Below is a list of the webinars planned and the links needed to register onto them. More webinars and online events will be added due to ongoing customer requests for support. You can also visit our linked In and Twitter pages for future webinars. If your centre has any bespoke needs or you would like a 1-1 session with our TAs then please contact them via their details in the `Meet the Team` section of the newsletter.

Feedback and Support webinars

T Level Core Component Introduction Webinar 9th December 2020 at 12:30pm:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3587578208746440464>

Mitigation/Adaption VRQ/NVQ Follow up webinar on 21st January 2021 at 1.00pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7847126937568021520>

Our Centre Showcase

In this section of our newsletter we will be showcasing representatives from the construction industry that work with City & Guilds. For this edition we are pleased to announce that Kirklees College.



Founded in 2008 as part of a merger between Dewsbury College and Huddersfield Technical College, Kirklees College has become one of the biggest colleges in the country, offering a wide range of courses and study options.



The construction department of Kirklees College is located at the Brunel House campus, which is situated off Leeds Road, Huddersfield. Brunel House is a bespoke construction centre with well-equipped workshops, allowing for the high-quality training in the following areas: bricklaying, carpentry, and joinery, plastering, plumbing and electrical installation. In addition to this we also offer qualifications in property maintenance and multi skilled operations. As well as state of the art workshops the college also pride themselves on the quality of all their resources and support that is offered to students including a wide range of courses linked to City & Guilds qualifications designed to cater for individual student needs, with clear pathways of progression.

The construction centre has now got state of the art Property Maintenance EPA facilities that are available for centres to hire. There is also customised plastering workshops designed with the facility to deliver spray plastering.

Brunel House has received significant investment in recent years which has enhanced the provision and improved the experience our students will have in their time spent with us. Kirklees college offer a range of courses from Apprenticeships, Study Programmes and Adult learning. We currently have in excess of 500 students studying with us.



Kirklees construction team have seen success recently as a plastering student was a finalist for student of the year and the construction staff have been recognised nationally for the

fantastic work they did on digital learning development during the Covid lockdown earlier this year.

Malcom McGinn, Head of Faculty for Construction and Land Based Studies and Nick Taylor, Curriculum Area Manager for Construction commented recently on working with City & Guilds, saying, *“The support is fantastic and very helpful. City & Guilds staff are reactive and always available, when we need them.”*



You can visit the Kirklees college on-line at <https://www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk/>

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Our Industry Showcase

In this section of our newsletter we will be showcasing representatives from the construction industry that work with City & Guilds. For this edition we are pleased to announce that Kings Rock Joinery will feature in this edition. Kings Rock Joinery are members of the City & Guilds Construction Employer & Industry Board.



Kings Rock Joinery was founded by Jeremy Murphy. Jeremy Murphy started his joinery career in the family business in Ireland and developed a strong passion for the industry working alongside his father. He moved to the UK in 1982 and immediately found himself managing a company manufacturing windows and doors. He then went on to run his own company and recently has been a director of other joinery businesses gaining a wealth of experience over the past 36 years.

Jeremy has worked on many prestigious projects such as: John Lennon`s residence in Tittenhurst; Nicole Farhi`s HQ in Carnaby Street; Tower Cafe - Tower Bridge; Donmar Warehouse - 8 Build; Falcon Wharf - Carillion; Jesus College - Cambridge University; Barts

Square - London -Carillion; Langley Park -Slough - Multiplex; Camp End Manor - 8 Build & Lees Associates

Jeremy has strong technical & communication skills and will undertake any project always ensuring the customers' requirements and expectations are managed fully from the start to the finish of the job. To access the Kings Rock Joinery website please click the link below.

www.kingsrockjoinery.co.uk

MEET THE TEAM

Favourite Building: Pantheon in Rome.
Favourite Quote: *"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."*
Favourite Disney Character: Buzz Lightyear
Favourite Tree - English Oak
Favourite Band - The Beatles
Favourite food - Steak and Chips
My Happy Place: Being with my wife Teresa and my sons Michael & Ryan
Scared of: Not having any biscuits

Our Technical Sales Director
Jeremy Murphy





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Get to know City & Guilds staff

This issue we caught up with Laura Harrap who is the Business Development Manager for the North East and Yorkshire regions, here at City & Guilds.



1. How long have you worked at City & Guilds? **12 years**
2. Where did you work prior to City & Guilds? **NHS Direct as a call handler**
3. What is the best thing about working at City & Guilds? **The people, I have great work colleagues and customers.**
4. What is your most prized possession? **My dog – Rosie, our Dalmatian (don't tell my children)**
5. What do you like to do in your spare time? **Going to the rugby – I'm an avid Wakefield Trinity fan.**
6. If you could go on holiday anywhere in the world where would it be? **Mexico – nearly got there before covid struck.**
7. What is your favourite film? **Home Alone 2 – Lost in New York.**
8. What is your favourite food? **Sunday dinner with all the trimmings**
9. When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? **A police officer.**
10. What is your go to karaoke song? **I wouldn't inflict my signing on anyone, but I do like to sing Hold back the night by The Trammps after a few beverages.**

Tell us what you think

All About Construction is a newsletter that brings together the key developments from City & Guilds relevant to Construction skills learning across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and Internationally. It contains updates on the range of teaching and learning resources we offer, plus relevant public policy or other information we think you might be interested in. Each edition is numbered, so we can refer to previous issues or tell you when information has been superseded. All of our newsletters can be found on the website here.

Remember: If you are interested in supporting City & Guilds either as a consultant to writer, review, marker, moderator, or as an EQA please do get in touch with us at construction@cityandguilds.com

For specific queries and enquiries please contact our dedicated customer support team: CentreSupport@cityandguilds.com

If you would like to feature in our Centre Showcase or Industry Showcase sections of our newsletter please email construction@cityandguilds.com

Associate Vacancies

LIEPAs and IEPAs

We are currently recruiting for Lead Independent End Point Assessors (LIEPA) and Independent End Point Assessors (IEPA) in the following trade areas:

- [Brickwork- LIEPA and IEPAs](#)
- [Carpentry & Joinery \(inc. Advanced\)- LIEPA and IEPAs](#)
- [Painting & Decorating- LIEPA and IEPA](#)
- [Plastering- LIEPA and IEPAs](#)

(The bullet points are hyperlinked to the vacancies)

Technical Moderators

We are currently recruiting for Technical Moderators in the following trade areas:

- [Bricklaying](#)
- [Carpentry & Joinery](#)
- [Painting & Decorating](#)
- [Plastering](#)

(The bullet points are hyperlinked to the vacancies)

If you would like to submit your details and apply for any Construction Associate roles at City & Guilds, please apply [here](#).

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	Please join our LinkedIn group for Construction and Utilities



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