

Construction Newsletter

Prison sector special edition

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Welcome to the first Prison sector specific Construction newsletter. 2020 has been such a challenging time for everyone around the world. Covid has brought about many changes and hopefully one of those changes is that as human beings we are more appreciative of what we have and what we sometimes take for granted. The Construction Team at City & Guilds must thank all our centres, their staff, and learners, for the way they handled the difficulties faced. 2021 looks like it maybe another year of significant challenge, what we can assure you is that the Construction Team at City & Guilds will be doing all they can to support our centres, staff and learners on this journey. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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New Construction Technical Advisor- Jason Howe

Welcome to Jason Howe, our new Technical Advisor for Construction. Jason supports various aspects of the construction portfolio including our Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and Prison providers. Jason joins City & Guilds with a wealth of further education experience across a range of roles and departments within FE colleges and was previously an Associate of City & Guilds as an EQA, lead independent end point assessor, writer, and reviewer. Jason is still an active EQA and supports our development and current LIEPAs across Construction.



Jason is available to support all our prison providers and will be hosting webinars and centre support sessions bespoke for the prison providers. Jason's contact details can be found in the latter part of this newsletter.

New Construction Industry Manager- Naz Lewis-Humphrey

The new academic year is an exciting time for the construction team at City & Guilds as we introduce our new Industry Manager Naz Lewis-Humphrey. Naz joined us in July this year from Berkeley Homes. Naz has worked within the construction industry for many years, promoting training, development and apprenticeship opportunities with developers, trade partners, local



government, and education for both internal and external stakeholders. Addressing the gaps and strategies to develop the skills and experience for the new and existing workforce within the construction industry. Naz has joined City & Guilds to further develop Learning & Development knowledge and skills within in the Construction Industry.

Covid-19

We understand that these are extraordinary and unprecedented times, and we are working closely with education providers, employers, and governments to monitor the Covid-19 situation, and putting in place measures to support our employees, customers and stakeholders. For the latest information, FAQs and guidance surrounding Covid-19 please click [here](#). This link will take you to our dedicated Covid-19 page on our website.

Support resources

We are committed to supporting you, your staff, and your learners in coming to terms with home working. To support our customers during these difficult times, we have made some of our most popular SmartScreen packages available to access free of charge for a limited time. If you already have a SmartScreen account, you will be able to place your order through your walled garden account. For more information please click [here](#).

Alternatively, fill out this [form](#) and our digital sales team will be in touch

Employer & Industry Board

August 2020 saw the launch of the NEW Construction Employer & Industry Board. Employers and industry representatives from across the sector and nation are coming together to support City & Guilds in the development and validation of current and future qualifications and products. The board will also play an integral part in steering the construction qualifications of the future. In recognition of the support our employers are issued with a prestigious City & Guilds digital badge (as shown on the right) and will be showcased on the City & Guilds website within the construction section.



Sessions available with Technical Advisor

Sessions are now available with Jason and can be delivered via the Microsoft Teams platform. Sessions can be adapted to suit centres needs and in line with qualification delivery. If you need centre support then please email Jason directly. His email address can be found towards the end of this newsletter.

To support our MoJ centres A survey has been created to try and capture the types of bespoke support that our MoJ centres require. Please share



the survey with all your construction colleagues. You can complete the survey [here](#) or scan the QR code. Thank you.

Survey Results

We would like to thank everyone for taking the time to complete the MoJ Construction survey. We had an encouraging number of responses to the survey providing us with some fantastic information and data that will allow us to support our MoJ/Prison centres.

Centre Showcase- HMP Ford & Chichester College



HM Prison Ford is a Category D men's prison, located at Ford, in West Sussex, England, near Arundel and Littlehampton. It is an open prison which was built on the site of a Naval Air Station and converted to a prison in 1960. Since April 2019 the Vocational training has been delivered through Chichester College as part of the Dynamic Purchasing System. The prison can see the benefits of working with a local provider, especially one which is Ofsted rated as Outstanding.



The Construction provision at HMP Ford has just undertaken a huge makeover and the building of a new 'School of Construction'. This project has brought all the City & Guilds qualifications together to be delivered in the same location. They were previously situated across the whole site which had an impact on the ability of the team when it came to things like Standardisation and IQA procedures. The build is now nearing completion and ready start training again and the staff are raring to go. All

the courses delivered at Ford are Level 2 and have City & Guilds as the Awarding Organisation, covering Horticulture, Hospitality & Catering as well as Construction where we favour the VRQ route.

The new facilities at Ford will deliver courses in Dry Lining, Site Carpentry, Brick Laying, and Painting & Decorating, with plans in place to add Plumbing and CAD. Our learners are offenders who see Construction as a route back into society and employment. HMP Ford and Chichester College take pride in working closely with local employers and there is a dedicated team in place to focus upon this part of the resettlement process.





The teams at Chichester College and HMP Ford have come together and done an amazing amount of work creating state of the art facilities that any construction provider would be proud of and individually can be proud of providing opportunities for the HMP Ford learners. Recognition must also go to the select group of offenders who used their skills in Carpentry, Brickwork, Plastering, Groundworks, Plumbing, Tiling and Painting to work as part of the team and played a key role in the project.

Chichester College Group Chief Executive Shelagh Legrave OBE and HMP Ford Governor Andrew Davy celebrated the opening of the new facilities on 26th October at the New School of Construction, with a select group of representatives including a range of external companies that have supported the project.



Get to know City & Guilds staff

This issue we caught up with Kevin Wilkinson Business Development Manager for Prisons.



1. How long have you worked at City & Guilds? **14 years**
2. Where did you work prior to City & Guilds? **Chartered Institute of Environmental Health**
3. What is the best thing about working at City & Guilds? **Our purpose**
4. What is your most prized possession? **Coffee mug from my 21st birthday – many people have tried to break it unsuccessfully**
5. What do you like to do in your spare time? **Making the most of my 1 hour of exercise – currently lots of walking**
6. If you could go on holiday anywhere in the world where would it be? **Japan**
7. What is your favourite film? **Meet Joe Black but my official answer is Goodfellas**
8. What is your favourite food? **Anything spicy**
9. When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? **Hotel Manager**
10. What is your go to karaoke song? **Never do karaoke.** That's not an answer Kevin, so we have answered for you- **Anything by the Spice Girls.**

Tell us what you think

The Construction newsletters and special edition newsletter such as the MoJ/Prison sector newsletter, contain 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 previous versions can be found [here](#). If there are key topics that you would like to see covered in the newsletter then please email construction@cityandguilds.com and tell us what you would like us to cover.

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

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](#).

Meet the Team





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