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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



WOMEN INTO HOME BUILDING PROJECT CONTINUES ITS SUCCESS

HBF's Women into Homebuilding employment programme has recently completed its second cohort of the programme with 11 women now securing site management positions or similar roles within the construction sector.

The programme was launched with Women into Construction, in January 2023, with women from diverse backgrounds and different levels of experience coming together to learn and grow their skills. As part of the programme, women attend an insight session, introducing the industry, followed by a two-week work placement at a site-based location near to them. The final cohort for 2023 will launch in September 2023. To find out more, visit women-into-construction.org/women-into-home-building-programme



The Women into Homebuilding programme was shortlisted in the Best Career Development Initiatives category at the Women in Housing Awards and nominated for the Partnerships with Purpose Award 2023 at the Women into Construction Awards.

Find out more on the HBF [news pages here](#).

GO CONSTRUCT AND HOME BUILDING STEM AMBASSADOR ONBOARDING SESSIONS

HBF and Go Construct are hosting two webinars on how to become a Home Building Ambassador on 13th September and 4th October 2023, both between 10 am and 11am.

Following the creation of the STEM Ambassador programme with CITB and STEM in 2021, HBF created the Home Building Ambassador programme, as part of this, to inspire more young people to look at roles within home building. Becoming a Home Building Ambassador will allow you to connect with the next generation of potential home builders



and help your employees in their own professional development.

The sessions are open to all home builder organisations, their supply chain and their employees and will provide the tools and resources to become a successful Home Building Ambassador. To sign up, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/650683681407?aff=oddtcreator

HBF promote careers ahead of summer break!

The Skills Partnership has been working closely with The School Outreach Company (TSOC) to create career resources in the run up to exam season. The resources provide students, teachers and parents with information on careers in home building and case studies from those working in the industry. The team is also working with members on a GCSE and A-level results day campaign that will help to inform students who are unsure about their chosen careers.

Our current career collateral has been shared with over 1,100 schools and over 800,000 students across England and Wales. To get involved with future engagement work, email skillspartnership@hbf.co.uk.



Future Talent Conference returns for 2024

The Future Talent Conference will return to Wyboston Lakes on 7th and 8th March 2024. The event brings together graduates, apprentices, and new entrants to the home building industry, giving them the opportunity to connect with their peers and gain valuable insights from industry leaders. Tickets will go on sale in Autumn 2023 and will be available through www.hbf.co.uk.

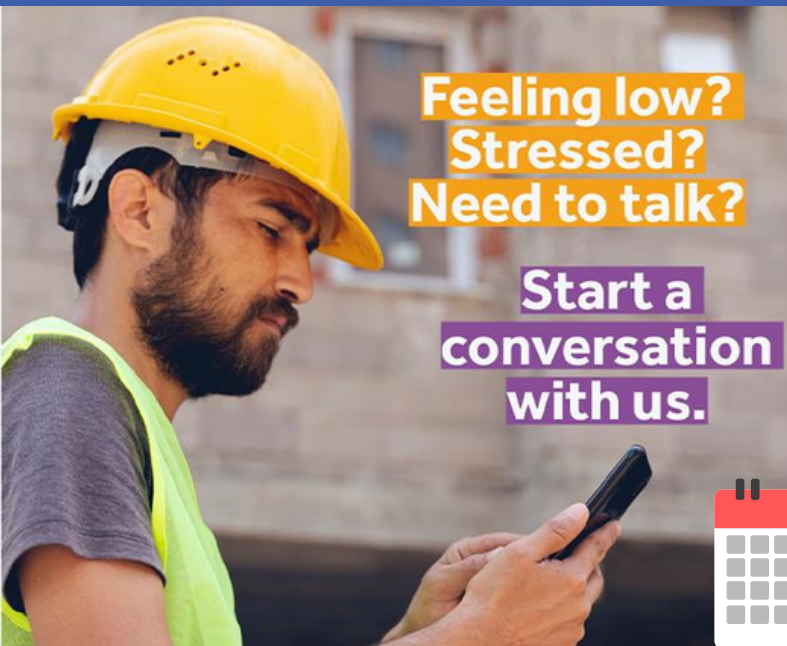
FREE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SME HOME BUILDERS AND THE SUPPLY CHAIN

HBF and the Lighthouse Club Construction Industry charity have partnered up to offer a free mental health awareness course for those working for SME home builders and the supply chain.

This general mental health awareness training session will take place virtually on Monday 4th September 9am to 1pm.

Attendees will be given information and resources on how to look after their own mental health and wellbeing, and support someone who may be in distress.

Places will be given on a first come, first served basis, should you have any further queries or wish to sign up, email skillspartnership@hbf.co.uk.



DIARY DATES

SECTOR SPECIALIST EMPLOYER NETWORK COLLABORATION WITH CITB

As part of its wider employer network programme, CITB has launched its Home Building Sector Network Pilot. As part of the initiative, CITB will arrange free or subsidised home building specific training for companies, without the need for them to claim CITB grants. The objective is to help smaller homebuilders and supply chain companies who do not currently benefit from CITB support to do so.

To keep up to date on this initiative, email the Skills Partnership team at skillspartnership@hbf.co.uk.

HBF Wales Conference & Dinner
Venue: Leonardo Hotel, Cardiff
Date: 7th September 2023

HBF & Go Construct STEM Ambassador online session
Venue: Online
Date: 13th September 2023

HBF Technical Conference 2023
Venue: Austin Court, Birmingham
Date: 19th September 2023

HBF Planning Conference 2023
Venue: Austin Court, Birmingham
Date: 20th September 2023

Skills & Supply Chain meeting
Venue: London TBC
Date: 3rd October 2023



NHBC OPENS BRICKLAYING TRAINING HUB

NHBC launched its latest training hub in Cambridge on 19th May. The centre was opened in partnership with the Hill Group and is predicted to train more than 100 bricklaying apprentices per year.

NHBC CEO, Steve Wood, commented: "I am proud that NHBC is working to ensure those entering the workforce from all backgrounds are equipped with the right training and knowledge".



LOVELL HOMES HOSTS APPRENTICE FORUM

This month, Lovell Homes hosted an apprentice forum for 11 of its apprentices showcasing long term opportunities in the sector. The event took place at a development at Hopton-On-Sea with apprentices in bricklaying, carpentry, site management and roofing attending.

Jo Ruggles, regional training advisor at Lovell, commented : "We want to inspire our apprentices and show them that the construction industry can be a career for life".

GET IN TOUCH WITH THE HOME BUILDING SKILLS PARTNERSHIP

Our goal is to create lasting change by attracting new recruits, setting the highest training standards, and sharing best practices. But we can't do it alone - we need your support to bring these projects to life.

Visit the HBSP page on HBF's website to learn about our working groups and how you can get involved: hbf.co.uk/hbsp
Alternatively, you can email the team at skillspartnership@hbf.co.uk