



MITIE Skill Centres

Over the last few years we've been creating a network of construction Skills Centres across the UK.

They represent MITIE's largest community investment – and greatest commitment: we spent more than 5,850 employee hours setting up and running our eight Skills Centres in 2006/07. They give young people a chance to realise their potential, offering vocational training for all.

They are currently helping well over 400 14–16 year olds to learn a range of construction skills, and to obtain nationally recognised vocational qualifications, that include the BTEC First Diploma in Construction, and form part of the National Curriculum.

The centres have all been launched in community-focused schools that in many cases have seen a subsequent transformation in the achievement and attendance of their students.

Selected schools are always near to the company's regional centres to make it easier for our employees to provide support which they have enjoyed doing since the first centre was

opened in Portsmouth in 2001. Others have been built in schools in Manchester, Bristol and Sunderland and Airdrie in Lanarkshire.

Everyone benefits from the Skills Centres: from the young individuals whose skill sets and employment prospects are improved, and the schools whose attendance and pass rates have increased, to the communities that have access to new facilities out of school hours.

Not forgetting MITIE, whose employees are motivated by their own involvement and whose future contains a home-grown local pool of talent. Indeed, the scheme has been so successful that it was recently rewarded a Big Tick Excellence Award.

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