



21st Century Schools – Community Benefits

Introduction

What is the 21st Century Schools programme?

- It is a unique collaboration between Welsh Government, the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), local authorities, colleges and diocesan authorities investing in the educational estate in Wales.
- 8 schools within the Vale of Glamorgan were refurbished or provided with new buildings under Band A of the programme.
- More than £167 million is proposed to be invested in schools across the Vale of Glamorgan between April 2019 and March 2024.



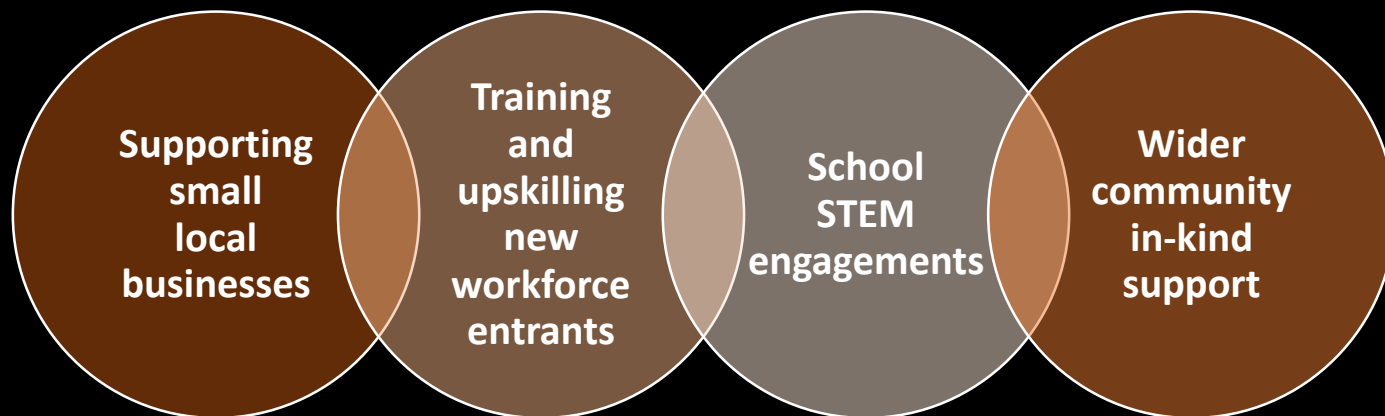
Scheme	School	Project Type	Value (£ million)	Contractor
Barry Secondary Learning Communities	Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg	Refurbishment and expansion	£21.5	ISG construction
	Whitmore High School	New build	£30.5	Morgan Sindall
	Pencoedtre High School	New build	£34.7	Bouygues UK
Western Vale Primaries	St David's CIW Primary	New build and expansion	£14.485	ISG construction
	St Nicholas CIW Primary	New build and expansion		
	Llancarfan Primary	New build and expansion		
Ysgol Sant Baruc		New build and expansion	£7.895	
Cowbridge Primary Provision (phase i)		New build	£5	
Additional Learning Needs	Ysgol Y Deri	New build	£11	
	Centre for Learning & Well-being	New build	£4.4	
Penarth Nursery & Primary Provision		New build	£5.5	
3-19 Faith School*		New build	£31.9	

Contractors have been appointed for the BSLC and WVP schemes and community benefits are being delivered alongside construction works. The new and refurbished buildings are due to be completed between Autumn 2021 – Winter 2022.

*MIM or Band C scheme

What are community benefits and why do we deliver them?

- The Council's 21st Century Schools programme aims to provide long-term social, environmental and economic benefits to schools and the wider community.
- To achieve these wider programme aims, our appointed contractors are required to deliver on a range of community benefits targets.
- The targets are set as part of the procurement process and are consistently higher than the minimum required by Welsh Government.
- Targets include...



A collaborative approach

- Hold monthly meetings with all the contractor community engagement officers;
- Hold joint supply chain and other events;
- Implement a standard work experience programme;
- Encourage healthy competition; and
- Hold quarterly steering group meetings with wider partners



Collaborative approach feedback:

- *'There is a clear trust and bond being developed by all parties which can only benefit the project and community as a whole. This simply would not have happened had it not been driven from the early concept stages of the project.'*
Steve Langford, Project Director, Morgan Sindall.

Achievements to date

Summary figures

Between January 2019 – September 2020, the Barry Secondary Learning Communities (BSLC) project has delivered:

- Over **5,000** person weeks of New Entrant Jobs;
- Over **3,000** person weeks of New Entrant Training;
- Nearly **400** hours of school STEM engagements;
 - **4** supply chain engagement events;
- **80%** construction spend within Wales (average);
 - **76%** of subcontractors based in Wales; and
- **50%** of the workforce coming from the local postcode

The BSLC project procurement received “highly commended” in the Wales Go Awards, Social Value category. It was recognised and short listed for the Welsh Government and UK Go Awards in Social Value.

Work experience, training and upskilling

The main contractors, construction consultants AECOM, and supply chain partners are engaged in apprenticeships and work experience requirements to enable training across a range of specialties.

- Council's Communities 4 Work
- Jobcentre Plus
- Y Prentis
- CITB 'Career Changers' programme
- 'School of Hard Knocks' programme



Work experience feedback:

- *'Through our collaboration with the 21st Century Schools Programme, AECOM has provided a wide range of work experience for eleven individuals. The programme has delivered measurable, tangible success stories, one individual has gone on to join an apprentice scheme with a main contractor in South Wales and another, who was long term unemployed, has entered full-time employment following the work experience.'* Conna Ryan, Project Manager, AECOM.
- *'ISG have given me many opportunities through the Career Changers programme to try new things in the industry and have helped build my confidence not only on site but in day to day life. I am currently gaining experience in the use of a telehandler with the ambition to be a fully qualified driver by the end of the project.'* Lisa Snape, Career Changers participant.

School engagements

Assemblies;

- Building project updates;
- Site safety information; and
- Career opportunities in construction.

Pupils will also have opportunities to take part in;

- Site visits;
- The construction ambassadors programme; and
- National competitions promoting STEM in construction.



School engagements during Covid-19

- ISG school health & safety app;
- Construction and ecology activities;
- Signs and care pack;
- Video site tours; and
- Virtual work experience



Covid-19 health & safety app

ISG

Our ground-breaking app is designed to:

- Keep everyone safe in and around our sites
- Help prevent the spread
- Promote best practice

This app will be updated as required to reflect any changes in UK government advice or new best practice

Scan the QR code to access:

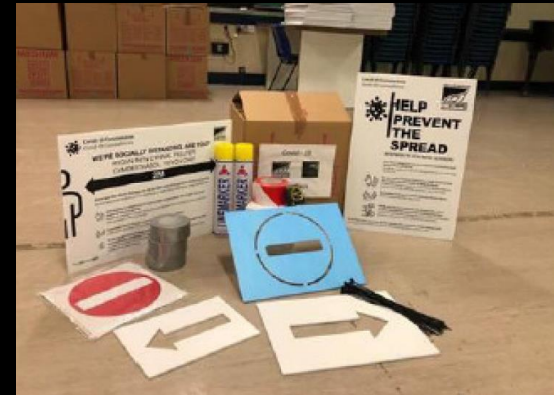


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3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

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Environmental and well-being enhancement

- Design and deliver BREEAM Excellent standard facilities (includes energy efficient buildings and enhancing habitats for wildlife);
- 90% diversion of waste from landfill;
- Nature and sporting facilities;
- 'Green wall' site hoarding competition; and
- Opportunities for pupils to get involved in landscaping, including tree planting and creating allotments.



Supply chain engagements and supporting social enterprises

- Joint supply chain event during the summer 2019
- Main contractors upskilling a number of sub-contractors
- Increased targets for shared contractors



Ysgol y Deri, catering project:

- Site catering for the three BSLC projects
- Pupils will gain work experience
- Mobile canteen unit donation will enable this to be a sustainable enterprise



Community projects and engagements

A range of in-kind donations and voluntary support is available to projects and could include help with painting a community space, procurement advice, or training opportunities for service users.

Apply for support at: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/21st-Century-Schools



Litter pick

Open evenings

Living library

Gardening projects

Community newsletters

Christmas trees to schools

Hampers to local food banks

Community engagement feedback:

- *'The responsibility the Vale of Glamorgan claims in supporting its communities socially, economically and environmentally has been clearly evidenced and shared throughout the procurement process. Policies were clearly set out and implemented to provide ethical, sustainable and economically sound solutions for the community. As a responsible and committed employer dedicated to benefitting the lives of everyday people, Bouygues UK has found a great deal of these values in common during the course of its work with the 21st Century Schools team.'* Leigh Hughes, CSR Director, Bouygues UK.



Thank you,
any questions?

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