



Making a real difference  
to communities in

# Edinburgh



A partnership that's  
delivering local  
community benefits ....



# Making an Impact in Edinburgh...

## £209m PROJECTS COMPLETE

Drumrae Library & Hub  
East Neighbourhood Centre & Library  
Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre  
Rising Rolls School  
Extensions - Year 1-7  
James Gillespie's Primary Gym, Classrooms & Nursery  
Newbridge Fire & Rescue Station  
Nurseries & Blackhall Gym  
Free School Meals  
Royston Care Home  
James Gillespie's High School Campus  
Royal Edinburgh Hospital Campus (Phase 1)  
Allermuir Health Centre  
Pennywell All Care Centre  
Leith Meanwhile  
Queensferry High School  
Forest Kindergartens

## £36m PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION

Castlebrae Community Campus  
Inclusive Edinburgh Centre  
Jardine Clinic

On projects undertaken with various partners in Edinburgh including the City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, we have delivered the following community benefits:

18,258



School,  
Site and  
FE visits

Visits are arranged locally to best suit the needs of pupils or students - whether it's a Safety Sam presentation to a local primary school or a tour of a building under construction for students studying architecture - the visits are tailored to local needs to ensure that maximum potential is realised from having a construction site in the community. In Edinburgh this has benefited **18,258** young people.



Professional  
Employment, including  
**GRADUATES**

2113 School,  
Site & FE

### WORK PLACEMENT DAYS

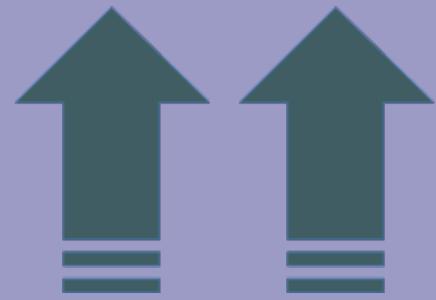
Work placements are arranged locally so pupils and students can gain valuable experience in a live site environment. Placements are also offered within our supply chain, e.g. with designers, promoting the range of careers offered in relation to community infrastructure projects.



CURRICULUM SUPPORT

2530 Pupils

in Edinburgh have benefited from activities that connect current educational programmes to industry through bespoke courses and events, mentoring, careers advice and STEAM events.



We set ourselves ambitious targets in relation to community benefits and in Edinburgh we're exceeding these:

**228**

More NEW JOBS

**1176**

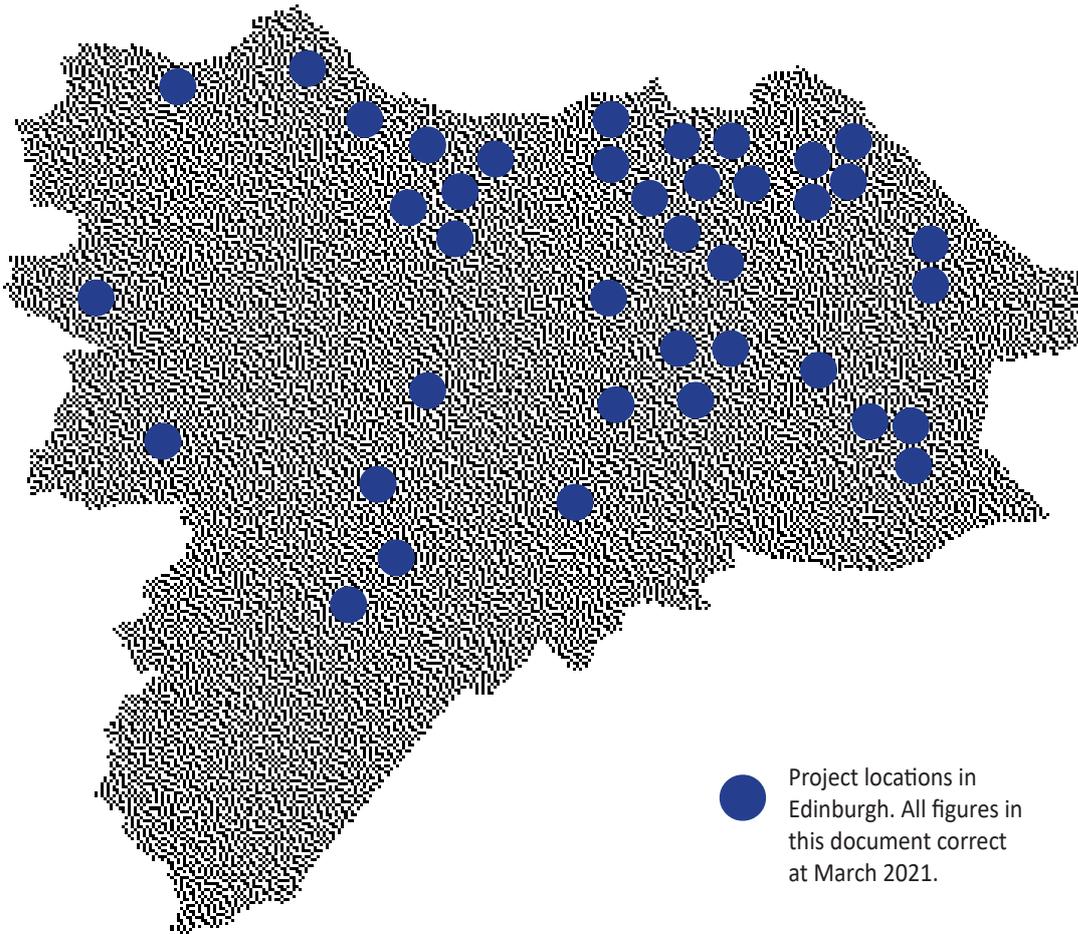
More WORK PLACEMENTS

**15k+**

More VISITS

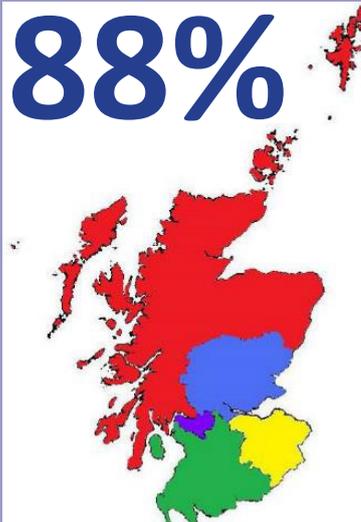
**100**

More new and existing APPRENTICESHIPS



## Proportion of CONSTRUCTION WORK packages awarded to SCOTTISH SMEs

We're keen that a local supply chain is used during construction, with Meet the Buyer events held to give small businesses and individuals the opportunity to get involved. 88% of construction work packages completed in Edinburgh were by Scottish SMEs.





## Supporting local employment, small businesses and social enterprises:

*“As a social enterprise we aim to create real jobs for the people that Apex Scotland supports, those who are often deemed disadvantaged in the employment market. Securing contracts like on these Hub South East projects, allow us to offer more opportunities to those who need them.”*

Patrick Nicol, Operations Manager, Apex Scotland - the social enterprise awarded cleaning contracts on Allermuir and Pennywell Centres during construction

*“Being part of the Hub supply chain provides us with business opportunities which enable us to sustain and grow our business during times of economic uncertainty.”*

JMS Plant Hire – SME on James Gillespie’s

*“We work with our trainees with the view to helping them change their path and learn new skills that will help them towards a brighter more prosperous future. An important part of this is allowing them to earn money whilst they learn, so we support them by paying the living wage. The self confidence and sense of self-worth that comes with learning new skills and immediately being able to see the results of that labour is something that helped me through a difficult time and turn a corner in my own life. I believe that if we can replicate that with even a fraction of our trainees, then we will make a lasting impact and help them positively improve their lives.”*

Paul Hunter, Founder of Rebuild - construction social enterprise supporting 6 trainees on the Leith Meanwhile project

*“I very much appreciate this opportunity. When I started my placement I did not expect to be offered full time employment prior to my placement ending. I’m really excited about the future.”*

Cristina Kean – after undertaking a work placement on the Royal Edinburgh Campus project

## Supporting Local Community

On all projects we aim to ensure local communities benefit from work being delivered in their area. This includes supporting local events and groups and can take many forms including donations of cash, equipment, expertise and time. Here are just a few examples of how communities in Edinburgh have benefited as our contractors were involved in:

- Donating football strips to the Queensferry High School Team
- Sponsoring the Queensferry Rowing Club, Gala Day and Xmas event (£3,000 total)
- Sponsoring carol singing at the Usher Hall
- Organising free local car wash days around the James Gillespie’s project
- Building a wooden step for Cramond Primary School nursery to help the younger children reach the recycling bins
- Sponsoring local fireworks close to Royal Edinburgh Campus for several years in a row
- Donating to food banks in Firrhill and North West Edinburgh
- Sponsoring a book about the history of the James Gillespie’s Campus
- Donating shopping vouchers for local stores in Pennywell as competition prizes
- Donating £500 to Wardie Primary’s ‘Sunshine Room’
- Sponsoring Oxfgangs Primary School football kit and Spartans FC’s Summer Quest
- Donating two wimber sheds to Gillespie’s Primary School
- Donating to Edinburgh Napier Civil Engineering Society to allow the purchase of high visibility vests for its members
- £1000 sponsorship on the Castlebrae Community Campus (football strips & tablets)
- Donation of cash and staff time to Freshstart to create festive foodbanks in Edinburgh.

## Partnership With Grassmarket Community Project (GCP)

GCP is a local Charity and Social Enterprise based in Edinburgh’s Grassmarket. Through three charity events we have raised almost £60,000 for GCP and further support is provided as a member of the Hub team uses volunteering days on the Board of the Charity. Jonny Kinross, GCP’s Chief Executive said:

*“We are totally overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity that Hub South East and its supply chain has shown.*

*It really does make a huge difference to the lives of some of our city’s most vulnerable people.”*