

building communities and skills for the future



As a specialist provider of integrated building solutions to registered social landlords and local authority clients throughout Yorkshire and North East of England, Milnerbuild understands the importance of working with its partners and the community. We recognise that by creating training and employment opportunities communities benefit and become strengthened. Milnerbuild has joined forces with existing RSL partner Accent Foundation to deliver an innovative project to provide full time training and employment for twelve young recruits.

The 16-18 year olds some of which are **Accent** tenants were selected after joining a programme for young people 'not in education, employment or training' known as '**NEETs**'.

After receiving initial training the teenagers were offered an apprenticeship with **Milnerbuild** and will work towards achieving NVQ level 2/3 in Painting and Decorating. The trainees have been teamed up with three mentors from **Milnerbuild** to provide invaluable practical experience and knowledge.

The scheme was initially set up in **Yorkshire** and then following early success and positive feedback from all involved it was expanded to the **North East**.

The teams and their mentors are carrying out redecoration works to **Accent** void properties, works which prior to this project would not normally be completed. Over a 12 month period approximately 300 void properties will benefit from the painting and decorating service improving the quality of **Accent homes** ready for new residents.

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Will Jennings, Director of Regeneration, Accent Regeneration and Community Partnerships;

“Accent’s partnership with Milnerbuild has been a very positive experience, helping us deliver our vision of making a difference, improving homes communities and lives. The team at Milnerbuild were easy to work with and understood straight away how this proposal could benefit, residents, trainees and both organisations”

At **Milnerbuild** we appreciate the importance of developing a workforce with the right skills, training and customer focus to support the business going forward and successfully deliver the services we provide with our partners, this scheme has the added long term benefit of helping **Milnerbuild** achieve this and develop the right people from within the local community.

Equally as important the trainees are making the most of this opportunity, it has created a chance for them to learn new skills, gain qualifications, work experience and kick start a career in the construction industry. Excellent attendance, punctuality and quality of work clearly shows the commitment of the trainees.

“Really enjoying it and getting more experience and practical skills. Great opportunity, would recommend to anyone”

Kyle Johnson, trainee

“The good thing about this opportunity is that there is a definite job at the end of it!”

Dario Cox, trainee

This latest initiative is one of many which **Milnerbuild** continues to progress as part of its stated aim to safely make a positive difference to the maintenance, improvement, refurbishment and management of homes within the communities we serve and the environment in which we operate.