spring 2021 news

VALUE OF HUB PROJECTS

£164m
IN DEVELOPMENT

£63m IN CONSTRUCTION

£498m

OPEN AND OPERATIONAL

WORK PLACEMENTS 431

JOBS CREATED 267

TRAINING PLANS

762

QUALIFYING THE WORK FORCE

501



East Central Scotland

26,853

EMPLOYEES
OF WHICH

HUB ENABLING FUNDS

£913K

£3.15m

962

CONSTRUCTION CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE EVENTS

1552

TRAINING WEEKS
ON SITE

168%	OF SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT TARGETS REACHED

55% TERRITORY BASED SMES

84% NATIONAL SMES



Delivering £700m of new community infrastructure

Last year, communities across the region benefitted from the completion of four new schools, a new health centre, a unique community creative arts hub, as well as community sports facilities.

The value of hub's community infrastructure has grown to £725 million, of which £498 million is now open and operational.

Ian Mullen, Chairman, hub East Central Scotland said: "Despite the challenges of managing the impact of COVID-19, our teams maintained a continuous service, working closely with clients and contractors to safely manage the shutdown and subsequent re-starting of site operations across the region.

"We continue to deliver high quality buildings and facilities that are designed to meet the long term needs of the communities that they serve.

"Delivering benefits within our communities is integral to all of our projects. We have measured targets built into every project to boost skills development and support the growth of local economies. In the year, hub projects created 431 work placements, created 267 jobs and achieved over 168% of target for employment and skills outcomes.

"Looking ahead, we are in a strong position to build on our success, with over £200 million of projects in education, health and culture currently under construction or in the development pipeline we look forward to continuing to deliver innovative buildings that will benefit our communities for many years to come."







New Childcare Centre Opens in Forfar

The new Forfar Early Learning and Childcare Centre is due to open its doors for the first time when children return to school after the current lockdown. The building was completed by Robertson Construction and handed over to Angus Council at the end of 2020. It will accommodate up to 155 children in a mix of spaces that includes playrooms as well as breakout and sensory rooms.

Rising to the challenge of COVID 19

Throughout the pandemic, the safety of our staff, clients and partners has been the most important factor in managing day-to-day operations. The office remains closed while the team have continued to work from home since the start of lockdown last year. Work on sites is ongoing and undertaken in strict compliance with the government's rules for construction work. We monitor progress daily and our priority is to maintain operations in a safe and secure environment.

Helping Hands for Methil Community Centre

Memorial Park Community Centre in Methil, Fife, is celebrating after being selected to receive a free refurbishment in our Helping Hands community initiative.

Under this hub initiative, BAM Construction will provide a range of skills labour and materials to revitalise the community centre building, helping to create a facility more suitable to the groups that use it regularly.

The team will refurbish kitchen facilities, lay new tiles on the main hall floor and upgrade toilet facilities and the main entrance to the building. The programme of work will be completed in a week.

The Memorial Park Centre was chosen as the winner from a shortlist of three entries put forward by Fife Council that included Lochgelly Town Hall and Castlehill Community Centre in Coupar. The two runners up will each receive £250 to use on improvements to their facilities. Selections were made by a panel from Fife Council and hub East Central Scotland.

Hat trick in Property Awards Finals

Congratulations to everyone involved in three of our projects that made the finals of this year's Scottish Property Awards:

Stirling Health & Care Village – Health Care Development of the Year

Tullibody South Campus -Architectural Excellence Award (Public Use)

Creative Exchange, Perth – Regeneration Project of the Year

The winners will be announced on the 25th March.





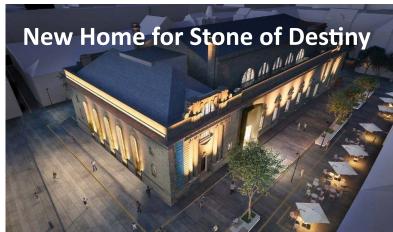


Design Engineer Construct Programme at Perth High School

hub East Central Scotland is funding and supporting the 'Design Engineer Construct' DEC learning programme for 20 pupils in S4 and 38 pupils in S3 at Perth High School this year.

The move follows the success of the inaugural initiative at the school last year. The DEC learning programme was created by UK social business 'Class of Your Own' and hub providing industry expertise to support its successful delivery.

DEC is a STEAM focused curriculum that delivers an SCQF recognised qualification and actively encourages construction industry involvement in the programme.



The hub East Central Scotland team will play a part in bringing the Stone of Destiny to Perth in its future home in the new City Hall. Hub will manage the project, to be built by BAM Construction, to create a new cultural and heritage attraction that highlights many objects and stories about Perth and Kinross.

NHS Upgrades on Track

A planned programme of refurbishments for NHS Forth Valley is underway at several community facilities. Work is ongoing in Polmont to join and reconfigure two GP practices at Meadowbank Health Centre that will create improved facilities for patients and staff. Similar work is underway with two practices at Bonnybridge Health Centre that will create new consulting rooms and staff facilities. The plans also

include upgrades to facilities at Lochview hospital in Larbert and create a clinic for Women and Children Services at the centre.

