

Training



Rob MacGregor on apprentices

How your business will gain by taking on an apprentice

ONLY 4% of UK construction firms take on ConstructionSkills apprentices and yet nearly everyone agrees that apprentices are the key to the future of the construction industry. They can bring significant benefits to your business.

Many businesses are already suffering skill shortages or are worried about recruiting the right skills in the future and yet every year, thousands of young people who want to enter the industry are turned away due to the lack of businesses willing to offer a placement.

We know that employing an apprentice is a big decision but there are many practical reasons with a strong business case for doing so.

The reasons vary from business to business but we hear time after time that as well as helping to respond to increased workload, training apprentices provides a company with skilled, safe workers, who understand the need of their client base and work to their standards – vital at a time of widespread skill shortages.

Having an apprentice is

beneficial as it demonstrates your commitment to training and local employment often demanded by public sector contract conditions and an increasing number of clients.

For smaller businesses, it also offers the opportunity to think about the long-term succession planning.

So would your business benefit from taking an apprentice on? Ask yourself:

■ Could an apprentice help my business expand and allow me to take on more work?

■ If I want to grow my business another pair of hands might help?

■ Do I have the right range and scope of work for an apprentice and can I support their training needs?

■ Can I afford it? Although apprentices are in training, they still count as a member of staff.

ConstructionSkills can help you answer these questions and assist you through the process of choosing the right person, supporting you through their placement. As well as access to the best local apprenticeships,

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