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New State-of -the Art Training Centre for the North East

CISRS is very excited to hear Education Training Collective & NETA Training are set to open £4.7m All Access Academy in the North East.



Backing the new development, Dave Mosley, Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme Managing Director, said: “The demand for skilled professionals trained in specialised sectors is higher than ever. NETA has a long history of supplying quality training in the region and this project shows commitment to qualifying future scaffolding apprentices and trainees.

“I am confident this initiative will contribute significantly to the growth and enhancement of skills within our industry, providing invaluable opportunities for training and professional development.”

In a press release today, NETA & ETC said: Redcar & Cleveland College is stepping up its drive to deliver a pipeline of skilled workers for current and future industries, with the announcement of a £4.7m All Access Academy led by NETA Training.

Part of the latest round of capital injections from the government’s Levelling Up partnership fund, following a successful bid by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, the new development will tackle skills gaps by bringing greater opportunities to train in the likes of scaffolding, rope access, rigging and lifting and welding, to Redcar and Cleveland.

“This facility will deliver the training of skills that are in huge demand, not just here in the Tees Valley but across the UK,” said the college’s executive principal, Jason Faulkner.

“Building on the specialist clean and low carbon energy training available through the college’s Clean Energy Education Hub, these are skills that will further support the major projects the likes of SeAH Wind, bp, and many others are bringing to the area and, in doing so, support economic growth.”

NETA director, Sean Johnston, said: “The All Access Academy in Redcar will now build on our commitment to meet the skill demands that will drive our economy, developing a local workforce that has the knowledge, capabilities and skills to benefit from the opportunities that are coming.”

Situated on the college’s Corporation Road site in Redcar, the 750 square metre training facility will offer specialist commercial training. Flagships of the academy will include three purpose-built scaffolding training areas and an additional industrial welding training facility.

Sean added: “The scaffolding industry has been facing skills gaps, locally and nationally, for some time due to issues such as an ageing workforce and a shortage of training. Due to the nature of the trade, scaffolding training needs

expertise, industry backing and, of course, lots of space. This new facility will enable us to expand our capacity and help plug both the sector's training and skills gaps."