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CONSTRUCTION TRAINING COMPANY PROFITS FROM STAFF TRAINING IN NOTTINGHAM

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A construction training company on the outskirts of Nottingham has been commended for its commitment to training and developing its workforce.

Construction Learning World (CLW), in Langley Bridge, has grown dramatically since it launched four years ago to become the leading provider of NVQs for the construction industry. This is largely thanks to the training it has invested in for its 130 employees, organised with help from Train to Gain, a service funded by the Learning and Skills Council to help businesses succeed.

Staff from all disciplines across the organisation have successfully completed NVQ Level 2 and Level 3 courses, with support from South East Derbyshire College, and Train to Gain Skills Broker, Hev Bingley, is now working with the company once again to source and coordinate new NVQ Level 3 and 4 training courses.

This has enabled CLW to build a team of over 80 assessors and verifiers in construction, 30 of which joined as untrained construction workers, who have delivered more than 9000 NVQs in construction. Eight members of staff have also been trained to guide learners to make relevant choices and to enrol them on appropriate qualifications.

Managing Director Helen Smith, said: "Our mission at CLW is to develop the talents of individuals working in the construction industry to enable them to realise their

potential, through programmes that are specifically designed to up-skill the workforce. But we cannot do this unless our entire workforce, from administration staff to our assessors and verifiers, is trained to the highest level possible.

“Thanks to help from Train to Gain, sourcing the appropriate courses has been quick and easy, and the benefits so far have been very clear. The training has given our employees a new lease of life, which is not only fantastic for the business, but for their careers in the future too, and I know they are all excited about the next stage in their training too.”

Steven Johnston from Ilkeston, Derby, joined Construction Learning World as a trainee assessor in October last year. He said: “I have worked in the construction industry for 20 years. When I saw the opportunity to train to become an assessor at Construction Learning World, I jumped at it. It was quite a change to study for my Level 3 Assessors award, but with help from my new colleagues and my own assessor, I found that I achieved the qualification in next to no time.”

Hev Bingley, Train to Gain Skills Broker, said: “Construction Learning World is a fantastic example of the benefits of investing in training and developing your workforce. As a result of the commitment to a well-trained and supported workforce the business has been able to expand rapidly over the last few years and looks towards a very productive and profitable future.”

For more information on Train to Gain telephone 0845 057 1817, text TRAIN to 64446, register at www.iwanttotrain.com or visit www.traintogain.gov.uk

Construction Learning World specialises in meeting the emerging training needs from the construction industry. It aims to meet demand for good quality vocational and

compliance training through the delivery of NVQs, apprenticeships and health & safety training.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. Photographs are available. Contact Gaby Hateley at GNN or download from www.gnn.gov.uk
2. Construction Learning World is located at Monarch House, Chrysalis Way, Langley Bridge, Nottinghamshire, NG16 3RY. Tel: 01773 769600, email: www.constructionlearningworld.com
3. Train to Gain is a new service run by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC). Train to Gain aims to improve productivity and competitiveness by making sure employees have the right skills to do the right job through: an organisational needs analysis, by making recommendations on the most relevant training and providing best value for money.
4. The brokerage service for Train to Gain in the East Midlands is provided under contract to the LSC, by East Midlands Business Ltd (EMB); a joint venture partnership formed by Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Chambers of Commerce.
5. The government commissioned report into skills published by Lord Leitch in December 2006 called for a radical overhaul in adult training and warned that the UK's skill base was lower than many international competitors.

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