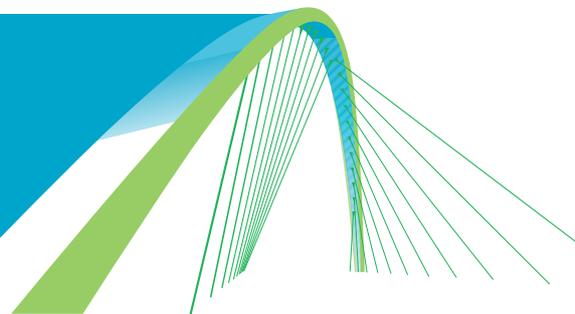




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May 2013 Newsletter



Aerial image of Academic building, April 2013

Progress at Birley Fields

The development of the new £139m Birley Fields campus continues at pace. Since our last newsletter, contractors Sir Robert McAlpine have completed the majority of the frame for the striking academic building and have started installing the cladding on the multi-storey car park and energy centre.

GB Building Solutions, the contractors for the student accommodation, have completed much of their site preparation work and their office cabins along Stretford Road are now in place as work begins in earnest.

For more details about what work to expect on site throughout May, take a look inside.

In this issue, we also bring you the latest news about local employment and training opportunities, community news and forthcoming events.

Our commitment

As a University we are committed to being a good and responsible neighbour. Alongside our partners, Manchester City Council, Sir Robert McAlpine and GB Building Solutions we will keep you updated on progress, as well as any potentially sensitive works, which may affect you throughout the delivery of the Birley Fields campus.

We will always try to keep the impact of our work on the local community to a minimum but would appreciate your

continuing patience and support as the site develops. Both contractors are registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme and are monitored against a Code of Considerate Practice, designed to encourage the highest of standards.

For more information, visit their website at www.ccscheme.org.uk.



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Construction News

Works planned for May



Academic Building, Multi-Storey Car Park and Energy Centre

Contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine ■ Start on site: August 2012 ■ To Complete: Summer 2014

During May Sir Robert McAlpine will be undertaking the following works:

- Completion of the Academic Building concrete frame construction
- Commencement of the Academic Building envelope installation
- Commencement of the Academic Building service installations

- On-going installation of the energy centre envelope, internal fit out and services
- On-going installation of the multi-storey car park envelope, internal fit out and services

Some out of hours work is expected in early May as there are 'powerfloating'

works to be undertaken. The process must be continuous which may require working late into the night.

In addition, we will need to erect two tower cranes on site which will take place over a weekend. We will provide those residents affected with advance notice of any out of hours working.

Student accommodation

Contractor: GB Building Solutions ■ Start on site: March 2013 ■ To Complete: Summer 2014

GB Building Solutions have now installed their site cabins fronting Stretford Road.

Work has started to compact columns of crushed stone into the ground – a process known as vibro piling – to stabilise the ground in preparation for the building of the townhouses. There is some noise and vibration associated with these works, which will be on-going up to the end of May, along with work to level land across the site. GB will also be starting the precast concrete piling to Block D.

In addition, GB Building Solutions will be carrying out the groundworks package, which includes installing underground services, forming foundations, and forming slabs in preparation for the timber frame.

They are also working on drainage solutions to address the problem of road flooding along the former junction of Old Birley Street and Bonsall Street. The issue of flooding was raised as a road safety concern at the first meeting of the Birley Fields Community Forum.



Block B



Block C

Site Plan



Contact

If you have any queries, suggestions or complaints regarding the Sir Robert McAlpine works please contact:

Diane Higgins, Community Liaison Officer

- Phone: **0161 871 0200**
- E-mail: birley.fields@sir-robert-mcalpine.com
- In person: to the Sir Robert McAlpine Site Office on George Parr Road

Normal site hours are:

- **Mon - Fri: 07.30 - 18.00**
- **Sat: 08.30 - 14.00**

Occasionally work may need to take place outside normal site hours. We will notify you of any additional working hours in advance.

**Sir Robert
McALPINE**

If you have any queries, suggestions or complaints regarding the GB Building Solutions works please contact:

Darren Perkins, Project Manager

- Phone: **07557 254 047**
- E-mail: dperkins@gbgroup.co.uk

Sarah Muscas, Community Engagement Manager

- Phone: **07789 507 282**
- E-mail: smuscas@gbgroup.co.uk

Or **Gareth Walsh, Site Manager** on

- Phone: **07500 975 851**
- E-mail: gwalsh@gbgroup.co.uk

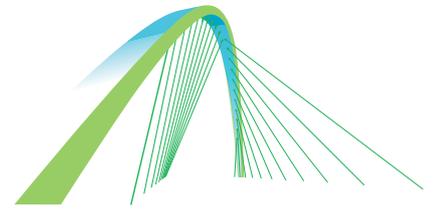
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At this early stage we don't anticipate work to take place at weekends, however this may change as work progresses.

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Your Birley Fields



Local employment and training

MMU is one of the largest employers in the city. In the last 6 months, we have employed 82 people from the local area to a range of positions across our campuses. Nineteen of the new appointments were identified through The Works in Moss Side and their in-house agency Aspire.

MMU will continue to advertise vacancies through The Works and support local people in accessing employment and training opportunities at the new Birley Fields campus when it opens in September 2014.

In the meantime, the Birley Fields project is already creating some local job opportunities and apprenticeships during the construction stage. In this newsletter we profile two local residents who are already employed on site by Sir Robert McAlpine.



Diane Higgins, Community Liaison Officer, Sir Robert McAlpine

How did I get here?...

"I was appointed by Sir Robert McAlpine in November 2012 to lead on the company's community liaison for Birley Fields.

"I've lived in Hulme for twelve years and have always enjoyed an active role in the community through my voluntary work at the Aquarius Community Centre. I was made aware of the Community Liaison Officer position being advertised, at The Works. It seemed like the perfect opportunity to put my local knowledge to good use and be involved in something that will have a big and lasting impact on the area I live in.

The thing I enjoy most...

"What I love most about my job is that no two days are ever the same. In previous jobs I've been behind a computer all day taking phone calls. Coming into the construction industry has been a new and exciting opportunity. It's a really hands on role which involves me getting out into the local community and meeting new people, creating events and taking an active role in them."

How did I get here?...

As I'd recently finished my education I visited my local Connexions office in Moss Side. I was advised that Sir Robert McAlpine were looking for a construction apprentice and thought it would be a good idea to apply.

I'd previously completed a 6 week course in bricklaying, carpentry and decorating at Salford College so I thought this would be an ideal opportunity for me. I went for an interview and was delighted when I was offered the position!

The thing I enjoy most...

My work varies on a daily basis. Currently, I'm assisting with keeping the site tidy, but the best part of my job is working closely with senior members of the team and learning from their experience.



Darius Barker, Construction Apprentice, Sir Robert McAlpine

If you are seeking employment on this construction project, please contact:

Construction GTA
constructionGTA@gmchamber.co.uk
or call 0161 237 4170

The Works

khalida.baksh@work-solutions.org.uk
or call 0161 359 3388

Job Centre Plus, Hulme
call 0161 252 8800

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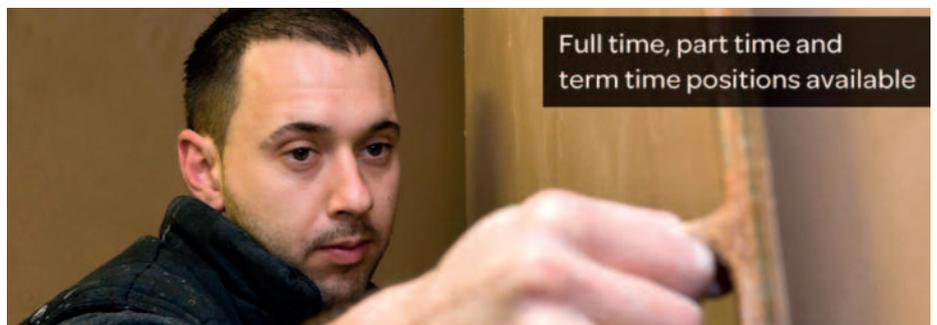
Phone: 0161 359 3388

Email: info@theworksmanchester.co.uk

The Works was established in 2011 as a partnership between, The University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester Solutions and City South Manchester Housing Trust as an employer-led, one-stop-shop supporting local people seeking work, advice or training. It operates in close partnership with the largest employers in the city, including MMU who have led the way by agreeing to advertise some of their vacancies through The Works.

Full time, part time and term time only positions are available in administrative and secretarial work, retail, catering, cleaning, construction, and other areas. The Works is designed to help you find the right job based on your skills and experience, and provides the following services to support you through the application process:

- A comprehensive careers advice service



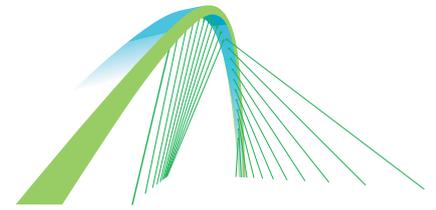
- Various training courses for different levels and needs. Maths, English and IT courses are available as well as vocational courses providing people with the specific skills required to help gain specific jobs. These include retail, customer services, hospitality, business administration and employability skills.
- A resource area offering computer workspace with free internet access for job searching, CV writing and completing applications. This includes free printing and photocopying, free customer telephone and drop-in assistance and support.

The Works also runs a series of employer-led, half-day workshops to explain and assist with job searching, completing applications and interview techniques.

As jobs become available at Birley Fields, MMU and its partners will be hosting one of these workshops at The Works. Look out for further details in our next newsletter.

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Community News



Nursing Students deliver health screening at The Zion Centre

The Zion Centre supports people to get the most out of their lives, and it was with this in mind that eight BSc (Hons) Pre Registration students from the Department of Nursing took part in an event there in February.

The Department, in collaboration with the Centre for Public Health, supported the students in offering health screening and healthy lifestyle advice to members of the Hulme community. Students advised members of the public on issues such as a healthy diet and safe alcohol limits, and they also checked manual blood pressures.

The day was enjoyed by all and student feedback suggested that it was helpful, as it provided a way to give advice and education about developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It was also an opportunity for some people in the local area to get to know students and staff at MMU.

As a result of this very successful collaboration, future community engagement projects are planned to include twice yearly health awareness days, provided by the pre-registration nursing team and the Centre for Public

Health. Future activities will focus on supporting public health issues such as mental health and wellbeing, sexual health, long-term health conditions and educating, informing and involving the community in improving their own health and wellbeing.

The next event will take place on 17 June, 10am – 4pm at The Zion Centre.

Careers in Construction

Sir Robert McAlpine placed a number of students in work experience from Manchester Academy and Trinity High School during April and has offered to place students from Trinity High School during July.

In addition, Sir Robert McAlpine held a 'Careers in Construction' day on 7 May for year 10 and 11 students from Manchester Academy. The two hour question and answer event was held on site, providing another good opportunity for local school children to find out more about careers in the construction industry.

Community Forum debates transport and parking

On 25 April the Birley Fields Community Forum met at local venue Z-Arts. The Forum heard from members of the Birley Fields Project Team about progress on site before handing over to Councillor Nigel Murphy to introduce the main discussion on transport and parking.

Transport for Greater Manchester were there to answer questions about how Birley Fields fits into the wider transport plan for Greater Manchester.

Simon Cook from Manchester City Council spoke in detail about the Residents Parking Scheme for Hulme, which is currently out to consultation.

For more information and to download the minutes and presentations from the Forum please visit the Birley Fields website www.mmu.ac.uk/birleyfields or contact Carla Nuttall by email c.nuttall@mmu.ac.uk, or by phone on 0161 247 3395.



Community Forum at Z-Arts

Making Education a Priority

The Faculty of Education, who will be moving to the Birley Fields campus in September 2014, is organising and funding an education conference in partnership with the Louise Da-CoCodia Education Trust and the Youth Village with support from MMU Futures.

Diane Abbott MP will open the event, which includes a series of workshops exploring alternative approaches to educational provision in the community. There will also be a youth-led session exploring their views about education, as well as displays highlighting the work the Hulme communities and MMU are already doing.

The conference takes place on Saturday 18 May at MMU's All Saints Campus and is free to attend but places are limited.

To find out more contact Diane Watt by email D.Watt@mmu.ac.uk, or by post: MMU, Youth and Community Work Team, Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 2RR.

Creating Change

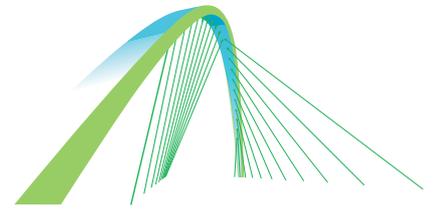
Creating Changes is a project offering free community development training to a wide range of local support and development organisations so that they can improve their practice in supporting small community groups, voluntary organisations and networks.

In partnership with MMU's Faculty of Education they hosted a Community

Learning workshop on Wednesday 8 May at the MMU Business School, All Saints Campus.

If you are involved in supporting the collective action or community members and groups in Hulme, and would like to find out more about the project please contact the Federation for Community Development and Learning on 0114 2536770 for further information.

Your Birley Fields



Dates for your Diary

**Step up! Confidence building
and job search skills
workshops for BME
and Refugee Women**

17 May – 12 July

**Making Education a
Priority Conference**

Saturday 18 May 2013

**Health Check Day at
The Zion Centre**

Monday 17 June 2013

**Brazil comes to
St. George's Hulme**

Saturday 22 June 2013

If you would like to find out more about
any of these events contact:

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We would also like to hear from you if
you are working on a project or event
relating to Birley Fields, or in the Hulme
area that you would like to shout about
or request volunteers for. Please get in
touch and we'll do our best to include
you in our next newsletter.



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