

Mansell working in partnership with Southampton City Council, IESE and Solent EBP, to provide local employment opportunities.

A number of educational events are being provided in conjunction with Southampton City Council and the construction of the new [City Depot and Recycling Park](#) at Dock Gate 20.

Procured through the highly successful [IESE Framework](#), work is progressing well on the new facility, which will be the City Council's base for 24 hour services and is due for completion in August.



"It is brilliant to see first hand the excellent progress that is being made - it is great to have some good news stories that we can share. Well done to everyone and keep up the good work!"

Frances Martin - Head of Policy and Performance Environment Directorate, Southampton City Council

An essential part of the project has been the establishment of a comprehensive plan to create and manage local employment, training and Apprenticeships.

Mansell is working collaboratively with [Southampton City Council](#) and [Solent EBP](#) to ensure that the objectives are delivered. Initiatives include the recruitment of [4 new apprentices](#) on site, work experience for college students, training for unemployed adults and "NEETS" and educational activities for local schools.

On 18th February 2011 Mansell welcomed 10 year 11 construction pupils, from Redbridge Community School, to the new City Depot site at Dock Gate 20. Following an introduction by the Project Architect and Project Manager, the students were given a tour of the site followed by a valuable Q&A session.



On the same day, Mansell introduced their Construction Experience Event at Redbridge Community School in Southampton. Over 60 year 9 students took part in an exciting "hands on" look at the construction industry, as part of the school's careers carousel event organised by Solent EBP.



"Mansell and their sub contractors were a fantastic support to the Industry Carousel and the highlight of our event; we have received excellent feedback from both students and teachers."

Raz Hussain – Solent EBP Area Manager

Local companies join forces to help school

Mansell joined forces with a number of key supply chain partners, in order to provide the students with a complete picture of the careers available within the construction industry. The "Construction Experience" represents a fantastic chance for the students to discuss career opportunities as well as get some hands-on experience with one of the many building trades.

All of the organisations involved are working on the new City Depot project and a total of 16 staff spent a whole day out of their busy schedules in order to give their time and expertise to this event. Thanks in particular go to electrical and mechanical contractors, [The Wessex Group](#); who provided electrical and plumbing activities and have also taken on 2 new apprentices on the City Depot site, [Mayflower Interiors](#); who treated the students to a plastering masterclass, [Peter Brett](#); who demonstrated the basics of bricklaying and [E&J Carpentry](#); whose power tools and woodworking skills went down extremely well. Thanks also to [Capita Symonds](#), Architect's for the City Depot project, who discussed careers in architecture and engineering with the students.



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"It was fantastic to expose the students to the huge array of opportunities within the construction industry. Students who would not normally have thought of these areas are now asking how to pursue them! The professionalism and quality of Mansell at both these events really shone through and from the schools point of view you were a credit to the industry. In terms of the individual companies who were involved I would like to personally thank them for both their time and patience on the day."

Chris Green – Applied Skills Centre Director, Redbridge Community School

The next Construction Experience Event takes place at Cantell School on 17th March 2011.

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