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Gogledd Cymru
North Wales
Construction Partnership

Case Study

Client

Wrexham County Borough Council

Project

Ysgol Bro Alun Extension, Wrexham

Project Value

£1.3m

Contractor

Read Construction

Start and Completion Date

May 2020 – February 2021

Sector

Education

Form of Contract

JCT Intermediate 2016

Delivery Type

Construct Only



“Very professional service, with variation costs raised well in advance by Read. Ian highlighted a few good items where cost savings could be made without impacting the quality of the build - suspended ceiling cost being one big saving.”

- Craig Banes, Lawray Architects



THE PROJECT

This construct only project extended the teaching provision at Ysgol Bro Alun in response to increased demand for Welsh medium education in the local area. Designed and constructed by local organisations, the project matched the existing teaching ‘wing’ in its steel frame construction with standing seam roof and external architectural wall panels.



Delivered in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were multiple challenges to overcome to ensure maximum benefits to the local community were achieved.

Despite these challenges, Read worked collaboratively with the client and local support agencies to deliver targeted and location relevant, long-term benefit.



KEY OUTCOMES

- *4 placements provided (3 in education, 1 not in education)*
- *4 jobs created*
- *4 careers information, advice and guidance events*
- *86 training weeks*
- *37 training courses completed*
- *7 training plans*
- *Above achievements represent ALL social value KPIs either met or overachieved*

HOW PROJECT SUPPORTED HEALTHY, RESILIENT AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES

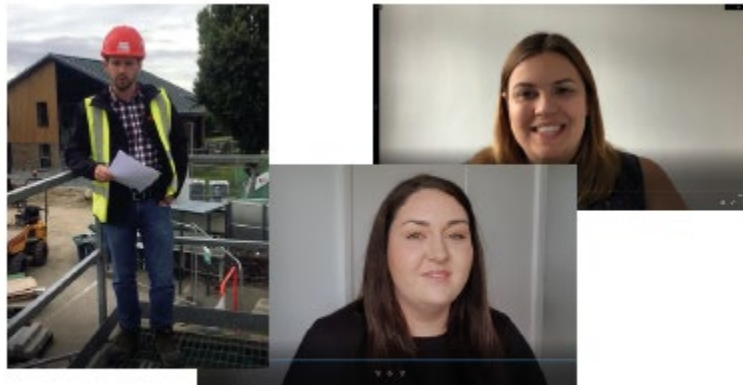
Engaging Local Supply Chain

Engaging local supply chain is a key priority for Read, to ensure Welsh communities are supported by the reinvestment of the Welsh pound. Despite the national lock down restrictions, Read held a virtual Meet the Buyer event for the scheme, a first for the company. The event proved successful, and resulted in positive local supply chain engagement:

- 86% project spend within Welsh postcodes
- £900k spend within 40miles of site
- 80% SME supply chain

Supporting Careers Events

Despite the ongoing pandemic and lockdown restrictions, Read sought alternative ways of working to ensure we continue to achieve targets and benefit the local community. By working closely with other NWCP contractors, local colleges, careers services and end users we developed a new way of working which ensures end users, clients and the community receive the same level of service in a COVID safe manner.



▲ *Read have worked closely with Careers Wales to deliver a series of career videos which are used across Wales*

To ensure the school children understood the importance of safety around the construction site, we delivered our usual health and safety talk virtually – including the setting a ‘safety poster competition’ to encourage pupil’s participation with the build.