

Case Study: Ysgol y Faenol, Bangor



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Project Details

Client:
Gwynedd Council

Project:
Ysgol y Faenol

Value:
£3.5m

Contractor:
Wynne Construction

Start and Completion Date:
April 2020 - May 2022

Sector:
Education

Form of Contract:
JCT Standard Building Contract 2016

Wynne Construction was appointed by Gwynedd Council, to extend and refurbish Ysgol y Faenol, Penrhosgarnedd increasing the primary school's capacity from 186 to 315 pupils and included external works and landscaping.

The Ysgol Y Faenol project started in May 2020 and the workforce and supply chain overcame the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, to continue working in a safe environment with consideration for the wellbeing of all the site employees.

We continued to delivery social value activities and engagement through online virtual presentations with learners from Coleg Menai, a dedicated project Facebook page to keep the community updated, and once the school re-opened ensured that we maintained all social distancing requirements with the staff and pupils during this "live" site project.



A Prosperous Wales



A Resilient Wales



A More Equal Wales



A Healthier Wales



A Wales of Cohesive
Communities



A Wales of Vibrant Culture
& Thriving Welsh Language



A Globally
Responsible Wales

Support for healthy, resilient and cohesive communities

For the Ysgol Y Faenol project, we contributed to various community/charitable causes. With the children at Ysgol y Faenol, we raised a combined amount of £470.68 for Children in Need and sponsored the U16 Penrhos Garnedd football team kit for the 2021/22 season.



2021/22 sponsorship of the U16s Penrhos FC team kit.

The project safeguarded 353 construction jobs, with 20% living within Gwynedd and an additional 51% living within the North Wales region, totaling 71% living in Wales. Carbon emissions from road transport and travel were therefore kept to a minimum.

A project-specific bilingual Facebook page was created to ensure that the community remained up to date with site progress and success from the project, which gained over 295 followers.



New external façade for the classrooms



LLESIANT CENEDLAETHAU'R DYFODOL WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

“I’m delighted to see this new chapter in Ysgol y Faenol’s proud history unfold. I very much hope that the pupils and staff will be happy in their new-look school and that their modern classrooms and facilities will continue to make lessons engaging and fun.

I’m pleased that Gwynedd Council has been able to make the best use of Welsh Government’s 21st Century Schools programme to invest in our children’s education. I know that working on a major project such as this during a pandemic has not been easy, so I would like to thank all those involved, and wish the school well to the future.”

Councillor Beca Brown,
Gwynedd Council Cabinet Member for Education

Key Performance Statistics for the project

- **71%** workforce residing in Wales - **19%** within Gwynedd
- **87%** project spend with Welsh-based SMEs - **11%** spend within Gwynedd
- **13 apprentices** employed - **5 apprentices** based within **30 miles** of site
- **4 work experience** placements achieved in joinery and construction site management.
- **£1k** raised/donated for charity and sponsorship opportunities

Enhancing skills, employment and other area priorities

Local Supply Chain: Our commitment to the local economy and supply chain, achieved 84% project spend within Wales, 57% spend within 30 miles of site and 11% within Gwynedd, significantly supporting the region.

Work Placement Opportunities: We delivered 4 work experience placements including a BTEC L3 construction management student from Coleg Menai and a joinery student from Coleg Llandrillo, who had completed a full-time carpentry and joinery course. Following on from his work experience, they were employed by Wynne Construction as an apprentice joiner.

The Ysgol Y Faenol project employed **13 new and existing apprentices**, working in various trades, and achieved a total of 240 training weeks. Our focus on sustainable employment, achieved 3 new entrants working on the scheme.

In addition, both direct employees and supply chain partners completed short courses, qualifications and technical/higher level qualifications and the overall result of **164 training weeks/£m spend**, meeting and exceeding the NWCP Framework target of 78 weeks/£m spend.



College student, Romek joined Wynne Construction as an apprentice joiner after completing a 2-week work experience placement.

Sustainable legacy

During the construction phase, 95% of the waste created was diverted from landfill meeting Welsh Government targets. In addition, the sports field was levelled using 3,000m³ of excavated soil repurposed from the site works and diverted away from landfill. This will enable the children to now use the field and is a fit-for purpose facility within the new school development.