

COMMUNITY BENEFITS CASE STUDY

Greenock Health and Care Centre

Working with Local Social Enterprise 'In Works'



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Greenock Health Centre is a £19m state of the art, primary care centre located on the former site of Wellington Academy in Dempster Street. Housed in a new three storey building, the facility will bring together four existing GP practices, district nurses, health visitors, dental and podiatry departments and a number of out-patient clinics. The centre which will also feature a new community café.

As part of our community engagement across the project, the site team engaged In Works Enterprises who are a local Social Enterprise based close to the site. In Works provide landscaping, grounds maintenance, planting, and community projects across Glasgow and Clyde, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire areas.

The project team engaged In Works at the start of the project to see how they could work together and a number of areas were identified.

Work Experience placements were offered to candidates supported by In Works and two people were put forward for Hard Landscaping experience on site. This took place with the support of subcontractor Advance Construction. The candidates past experience focused on soft landscaping and so this offered a great opportunity to gain experience with hard landscaping and on a live construction project. Training opportunities and support via our training partner AVQ Management were also offered.

The project team arranged for the donation and transportation of a portacabin for use at In Works site but unfortunately due to restrictions In Works were unable to take and keep the cabin.

Due to Covid-19, the project team required more space for staff use and to implement safe social distancing and so they engaged In Works and made use of their hall and community space. The M&E contractor used the space as their base and in return BAM donated materials and helped to create an outdoor seating area, purchasing tables and chairs for future use. A full time cleaning position was supported through out and they cleaned the space and surrounding areas on a regular basis. This engagement also led to increase spend and support in In Works' café with the workforce using it for food and drinks throughout their working days.

Overall the engagement has been great and both the BAM project team, wider workforce and In Works have been able to support each other during the construction phase. Around £5,500 has been invested between staff time and in kind donations.



"It has been great to build up a relationship with In Works during our time on site. Supporting local social enterprises is always a positive but this has been mutually beneficial, providing us with more needed space to allow us to continue working safely".

Will McElhane, Project Manager at BAM Construction



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