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Morgan Sindall apprentices sow the seeds of sustainability

Apprentices from the Scottish construction arm of Morgan Sindall have taken part in a Skills Development Scotland initiative aimed at encouraging young workers to give something back to the communities in which they work.

Entitled The Scottish Apprenticeship Challenge, the programme also aims to foster links between local communities and businesses, while highlighting the positive effect apprenticeships can have at a local and national level.

Six apprentices from a number of local construction sites – including from the landmark £15 million Balloch School Campus in West Dunbartonshire – took part in a day of gardening with environmental group Urban Roots at its headquarters; Toryglen Community Base, in Glasgow.

The Morgan Sindall apprentices put their construction skills to good use, undertaking a range of groundwork around the site, while also creating planters for the base's community garden and nursery.

Nicola Gooch, community benefits advisor at Morgan Sindall, helped to coordinate the event and explained how beneficial the apprentices found the challenge: "Along with a reputation for delivering projects that improve the built environment, Morgan Sindall is conscious of its responsibility to work sustainably and preserve the natural environment.

"We want our apprentices to experience as many aspects of our business as possible. This event has been a great opportunity for them to apply their developing construction skills, while reinforcing the need to be mindful of the environment and the importance of engaging meaningfully with the local community."

Emma Iller Project Manager at Urban Roots said: "We are delighted with the contribution that the Morgan Sindall apprentices have made to developing new growing spaces at our community garden and nursery. They have really improved the appearance of the site."

Morgan Sindall's participation in the challenge follows the construction and infrastructure company's Build UK 'Open Doors' event, held earlier this year at the £107 million Marischal Square development in Aberdeen city centre.

Ran in partnership with Scottish Government organisation, Developing the Young Workforce, it gave prospective construction workers an invaluable glimpse into the workings of a busy building site.

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