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Morgan Sindall gives Aberdeen students a virtual tour of Marischal Square

Over 60 youngsters aged 14 to 18 attended the Scottish Contractors Group (SCG) skills event held by Morgan Sindall at Aberdeen Council Town House on 16 February.

Councillor Willie Young, Aberdeen City Council's Finance Convener, also took part in the event and gave a talk about the importance of the construction industry and the career opportunities it offers: said: "This is a great opportunity for the pupils to learn new skills and see at first hand the career pathways that could open up for them in the construction industry.

"We know from first-hand the importance of the industry for pupils as we have invested hugely in the last five years not only in building new schools. Just as important, however, is that we have also invested also in providing a flexible curriculum that really engages our pupils and equips them for their working lives. Working in partnership with Morgan Sindall is another great example of our innovative approach."

The morning began with a brief overview of the construction industry, followed by a presentation and fly-through of the new Marischal Square development, where Morgan Sindall is on site. This was followed by some interactive activities as well as both an actual and a virtual tour of the current live project.

During the interactive skills event, students had the opportunity to learn more about career opportunities in the construction industry and speak to trainees, apprentices, graduates and senior managers in the engineering, design and technology sectors.

Trish McCluskey, community benefits manager at Morgan Sindall, said: "Events such as these can be very effective platforms for allowing young people to see the diversity of careers in our industry. We're very excited to have hosted this fantastic event, which offered young people in Aberdeen the chance to learn more about the construction industry and the great career opportunities it has to offer.

"Delivering a project like Marischal Square draws upon the skills of a huge range of highly-qualified specialists from all sorts of backgrounds - from quantity surveyors and project managers, to sustainability experts and supply chain specialists. It's great to be able to use virtual reality technology to bring this development to life for the students and give them a flavour of the construction industry and the many varied career paths that this sector has to offer."

Founded in 2013, SCG represents the whole of the Scottish construction supply chain and is active in raising the profile of the construction industry as a career of choice across the academic spectrum.

Being delivered by urban regeneration specialists - and Morgan Sindall sister company - Muse Developments, Marischal Square is fully funded by Aviva Investors and will deliver a vibrant new mixed-use quarter for the city. It will include Grade A office space with associated car parking, a 4-star Residence Inn by Marriott, cafés, restaurants and civic space, along with public access, landscaping and public realm improvements. The site was previously dominated by the former Aberdeen City Council headquarters building, St. Nicholas House, which was demolished as part of

the project.

Construction on the site started in the spring of 2015 and is on schedule to be completed in the summer this year.

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