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Morgan Sindall sponsors locally designed and constructed sculpture for the new National College for Nuclear

Morgan Sindall has sponsored the construction of a new sculpture which has taken pride of place in front of the main entrance to the new National College for Nuclear (NCfN). The new college is located at Lakes College, Workington and is scheduled to officially open in February 2018.

The sculpture, which has been designed by local artisan Alan Dawson encompasses the theme of energy transition from ore to steel. The sculpture has layers of coal, iron ore and limestone, set on a honister slate mine bed representing the history and materials found in the local area.

Seven students from Lakes College have been involved in building the sculpture including Stephen Conway and Drew Temperley who were welding apprentices at the College. Stephen, from Whitehaven and Drew, from Workington were selected by the College to help weld the sculpture. Both students completed their level 3 welding qualification earlier this year.

The new flagship college forms a cornerstone to the Government's response to the skills shortage and workforce demands within the nuclear sector. Morgan Sindall, as a major employer in the area working in the nuclear sector is committed to helping to address this shortage. The company believes that by encouraging and engaging future generations with practical experiences helps them not only understand more about the sector but also learn about the employment and careers opportunities available.

Andrew Crowder, strategic development director for Morgan Sindall's Nuclear, Energy and Water business unit said: "Helping to enable the next generation to take part in a project like this is great; and even more so when it is local individuals. Building the sculpture has not only provided the students involved with practical work experience but has also developed their problem solving and team building skills.

Building partnerships between education and training providers, national regulators and industry is a must if we are to attract people to the nuclear industry."

The NCfN will provide a high-tech facility offering courses designed by employers for a range of specialised careers in the nuclear sector. This facility is one of two announced by the Government in a £15 million scheme, with the other being built in Somerset. The target is to train more than 7,000 learners at the two centres by 2020.

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