

# News

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## **Nottingham Trent University and Morgan Sindall commit to developing the region's workforce**

Morgan Sindall and Nottingham Trent University (NTU) have announced a new partnership focused on developing the region's talented workforce and encouraging innovation in the construction sector.

Morgan Sindall has its national headquarters in the Midlands, and recently opened a new office on Nottingham Business Park due to a growing workload in the region. The company will benefit from access to bright minds and fresh ideas from a university which boasts 96% of graduates employed or engaged in further study six months after leaving.

In turn, students at the University will be able to access placements and wider work experience opportunities with a company renowned for developing a talented and future-fit workforce.

In addition, NTU will be providing opportunities for Morgan Sindall to access the equipment and facilities at the University with a view to developing innovative approaches and techniques which can be applied in the construction industry.

Under the new partnership, Morgan Sindall and NTU will also collaborate on other key areas of activity including teaching and learning, work experience, employment and business development.

Morgan Sindall will support NTU by providing opportunities for student placements, as well as offering a practical view of the industry and highlighting graduate career paths through showcase lectures delivered by its employees.

Sean Bowles, Managing Director of Morgan Sindall in the Midlands and alumnus of NTU, said: "Developing a future-fit workforce and pioneering innovative approaches to the design and construction of our built environment are two areas key to Morgan Sindall.

"As a graduate of the University, I have first-hand experience of the excellent teaching on offer to students. It also makes signing this statement of intent particularly gratifying and I look forward to the partnership developing over the coming years.

"Our business will undoubtedly benefit from the bright ideas and enthusiasm of everyone studying here. In turn, I hope that we can convey the strength and breadth of career opportunities available within our industry, both here in the Midlands and throughout the UK."

Professor Edward Peck, Vice Chancellor at Nottingham Trent University, said: "Morgan Sindall and NTU enjoy a strong relationship that continues to address talent needs of Morgan Sindall and helps to keep NTU's academic provisions aligned to the requirements of the construction sector.

"This partnership agreement signifies the value of the relationship and intention to explore new ways to support the strategic priorities of both organisations, allowing for greater collaboration across four underpinning areas; Teaching and Learning, Work Experience and Employment, Research and Development, Business Planning and Strategic Alignment".

The partnership was signed by Mr Bowles and Prof Peck at a ceremony at NTU, which was attended by representatives from both organisations.