

# 2 years on...



Funded by  
 Department  
for Education



Number of  
**candidates trained**  
through CSF1 who  
secured construction  
employment

**428**

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**Pete Aikman,**  
Director at Spires CS:

“Procure Plus helping us utilise the construction skills fund has been invaluable to Spires CS as a business and enabled us to recruit ready trained employees. It has also helped us link in closer to the communities across Greater Manchester and support Spires CS as a business tailor making bespoke training packages.”

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Number of  
**community  
organisations** that  
worked with Procure  
Plus to deliver this  
project

**42**

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**Steve Radley, CITB Director of Policy  
and Strategy said:**

“It’s fantastic that Procure Plus has been able to secure employment for over 400 new recruits in Manchester through participating in the Construction Skills Fund (CSF). The fact this comes at a time of unprecedented pressure on the construction sector due to the impact of Covid-19 makes the achievement even more impressive. Projects like this help to release the untapped potential within diverse communities and enabled individuals to take up new opportunities to develop their careers.

“We are delighted that Procure Plus is one of 14 hubs chosen to participate in the next phase of CSF so they can train many more people. We look forward to continuing this partnership, to the benefit of both the construction industry and communities in the North West.”

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Number who were  
**female**

**28**

Number of employers  
which engaged to  
**support the  
delivery of  
the project**

**141**

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**Ben Pollitt:**

“Due to the additional knowledge and confidence I gained from attending the training course this has really supported my application and helped me get the job with Spires CS. The training was very interactive and enjoyable. Without the funding I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to apply for the position and start a new career in construction.”

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**Tim,**  
Operations manager at Yes:

“The Construction Skills Fund has enabled YES MCR to do life changing things in the communities that we support. Since joining the project in 2018, YES have been able to offer regular training opportunities and progression routes for local residents, enabling more than 200 people to gain new skills, increase their employment prospects, and access fantastic local employment opportunities.”

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Number of employed  
candidates who  
**sustained their  
employment**

**383**

Total funding given  
to these community  
organisations

**£133,650**

...and continuing to deliver  
**great achievements** together

