

## City & Guilds welcomes Kate Parker as new board chair.

We are delighted to announce our very own **Kate Parker** has been appointed to the role of **Chair on the City & Guilds Employer Industry Board for Construction and Building Services Engineering**. Alongside **Kate**, **Kat Healey** from **The Guinness Partnership** has been appointed as **Vice Chair**.

The **Employer & Industry Board (EIB) for Construction & Building Services Engineering (CBSE)** has been formed to provide advice and industry voice to City & Guilds & EAL to ensure that qualifications, services and programmes fully meet the needs of employers/industry and support the progression from full-time education to work.



I'm delighted that C&G are engaging with industry in this way, and very pleased to be able to use my experience of working in the sector to ensure developments meet the needs of new entrants and up-skills, to help them develop careers in a great industry. I'm looking forward to working with such a great board of stakeholders.

**Kate Parker**  
Senior Regeneration Manager,  
Procure Plus.



### **Kate Parker**

Kate has been part of the Procure Plus team since 2009. Working as a Senior Regeneration Manager, with particular responsibility for the group's training and employment activities. Kate has worked in the sector for over 15 years, both in the UK and overseas.

Kate brings to the role a wealth of specialist knowledge of the apprenticeship and vocational training landscape, particularly within the construction industry, and an interest in supporting people from marginalised communities gain access to opportunities.

Kate has developed partnerships across the northwest to see over 1,500 people move in to sustainable employment over the past three years. Having delivered a successful bid for the DfE Construction Skills Fund (CSF), and the CITB's On Site Experience fund, Kate oversees Procure Plus's construction hubs across England and Wales, working closely with construction and community partners, as well as training providers and funders. These hubs will support a minimum of 1400 people not currently working in construction to secure employment within the industry, and are the foundation of CITB's careers strategy for the industry.



### **Kat Healey**

With over 8 years' experience working within the built environment supporting, creating and promoting construction sector career opportunities, Kat brings with her a wealth of experience in both technical and non-technical career pathways in construction.

Kat is a collaborative worker and believes in strength in numbers and has worked with a broad range of stakeholders, both in education and the industry to ensure that the skills agenda is current, accessible and understood.



A key driver in ensuring that we have the skills to support construction and the built environment going forward, is a stronger connection between employers and education. Working along side each other to attract, train and retain talent, both now and in the coming years. City and Guilds are truly leading the way in their engagement with employers, enabling us to bring our skills and knowledge to education and I am hugely optimistic about the impact that this will bring to the skills agenda

**Kat Healey**, Training Manager,  
Guinness Property.

