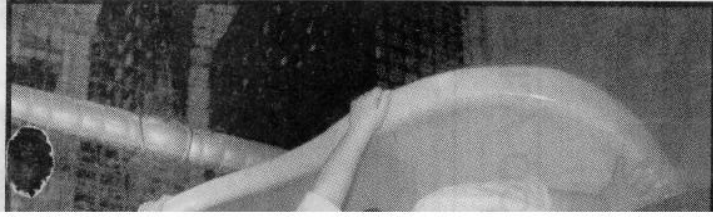


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SMART THINKING LEADS TO CONSTRUCTION JOBS BOOST



TRADE MARK: Gary Sweeney saws wood on the nursery project.

Riverside Inverclyde has come up with an innovative way of securing work for Inverclyde people. Today we find out more...

BY the start of next month, more than 20 Inverclyde people will be working in the construction industry as a direct result of some clever thinking by Riverside Inverclyde.

And the good news is more job opportunities are set to follow. The idea is relatively simple, but it has major benefits for the community. Every time a company wins a major tender to carry out a regeneration project in Inverclyde, it inserts a clause into the contract, if it is appropriate, that states a percentage of workers to be taken on must live in Inverclyde.

This creates employment opportunities for local people undergoing construction-related training, for apprentices and for construction workers unemployed for six months. The ri pro-active focus in delivering a more robust and ambitious community benefits programme is fully supported and realised by strong partnership working with Inverclyde Council Regeneration and Planning and Inverclyde Community Development Trust. The Trust provides the candidates to the winning contractor for interview and employment. Some are funded by the council's regeneration and planning team via Future Jobs Fund.

Neil added: "We are delighted companies such as R J McLeod, L&C, Land Engineering and CBC in their recruitment policies are positively supporting ri's aims. They are providing

across ri's regeneration projects at James Watt Dock, West Blackhall Street, West Stewart Street, Cathcart Street and at Riverside Business Park's Nursery build.

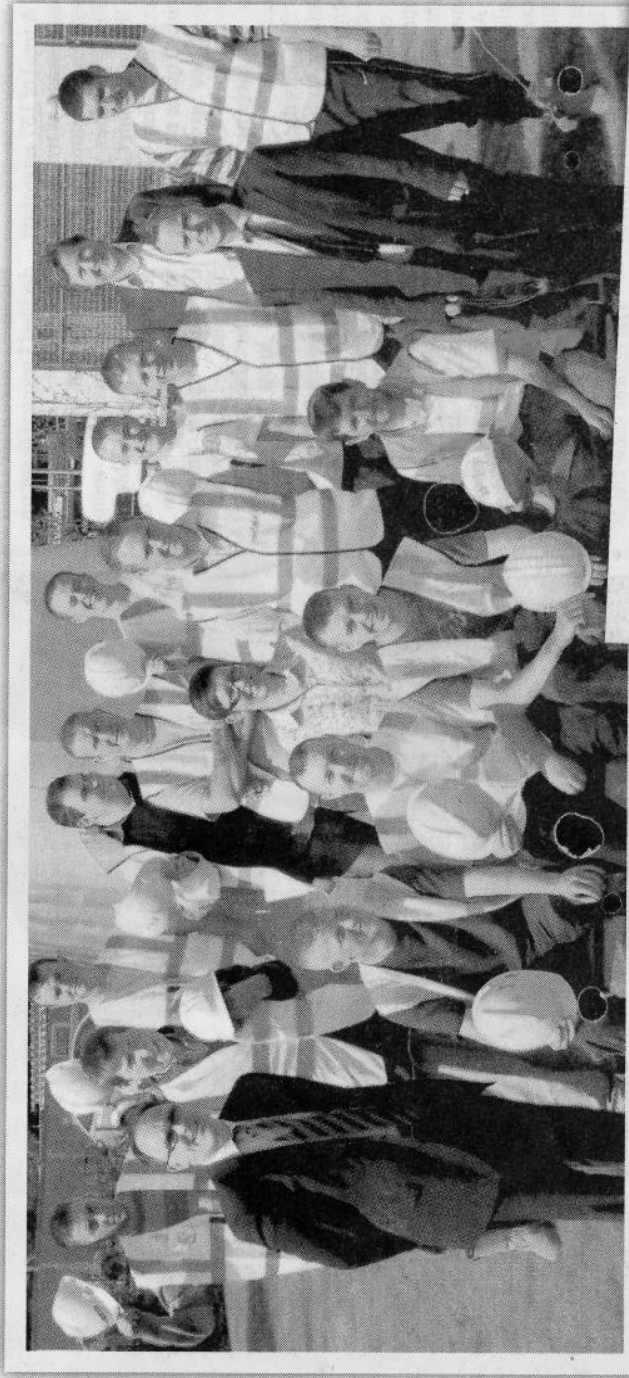
More opportunities will arise soon at Port Glasgow Industrial Estate and the construction of Greenock Arts Guild's new theatre.

Neil Lochiel, implementation manager with Riverside Inverclyde, said: "Condition of contract clauses include 10 per cent of non-specialised work for the contract's duration being allocated to new trainees living in Inverclyde.

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WORKING TOGETHER: Recruits with Neil Lochiel, implementation manager, Riverside Inverclyde; Shaun Lundy, workforce development team leader, Inverclyde Council; Theresa Cunningham, Inverclyde Community Development Trust; Gordon Ronnie, of R J McLeod Ltd; Douglas Smith and Stuart Macnab, of CBC Ltd; Steven Gray, of L&C, and Willie Stewart, of Land Engineering.

structured work environments and qualification opportunities for recruits through this initiative."

Companies can also benefit from ri's community benefits drive. Clauses in ri's main contracts direct the contractors to competitively consider members of Inverclyde Construction Forum for subcontracting opportunities. A number of local companies have already benefited from this.

The Forum is an independent, constituted body run by a nine person steering committee chaired by local businessman



AT WORK: Greg Crawford cuts wood while working at the Pottery Street nursery.

Nursery work come code of home for young workers

ON SITE: Gary