

Scottish Futures Trust

BUILDING YOUR FUTURE

Video Support Notes to Educators

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The video Building your Future, Creating Great Places focuses on the outcomes created by the construction sector. The intention being to enable young people to see that whilst in a career within the sector will itself be fulfilling, they are actually contributing to something which is much greater – Creating great places for the people of Scotland.

Scottish Futures Trust

For more than a decade the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) has been at the forefront of improving public sector infrastructure across Scotland.

Established by Scottish Government as a centre of infrastructure expertise, we provide additional skills, resource and knowledge to public sector organisations, supporting them plan, fund, deliver and manage their construction projects and buildings better.

As a result, infrastructure (its construction and end-use) drives forward inclusive economic growth and secures many social benefits.

For example, jobs are secured and apprenticeship places created; places become more attractive for people to move into; communities benefit from enhanced 'place-based' facilities; businesses thrive due to faster digital connectivity, and trade is made easier through improved transport links.

The Video Content

The video, which is introduced by David MacDonald, Director of the National hub Programme, comprises six projects each of which focuses upon a different sector of the construction industry. They are presented by colleagues who had responsibility for delivering the programme of work (Schools, Early Learning and Childcare) or the overarching project (Dundee Waterfront, Granton Regeneration). The project is described as is its contribution to making a great place. Colleagues have also talked about the subjects which interested them at school.

We have selected 6 projects, a summary of each is provided below.

Project - Brechin High School

Presenter - Seonaid Crosby

Role - Programme Manager

Profession - Accountant

Video duration - 5 mins and 5 secs (1 min 34 secs - 6 mins 49 secs)

The content outlines how a new school which was built in Brechin, offers not only an excellent education facility, but a much wider range of services which are available to the local community. The

principle being that such a significant investment should benefit the whole community and not just the pupils.

This is achieved by making the sports and performance facilities available to the whole community. There is also a central community café which further encourages the public to use the building. This not only acts as a focal point for the community, but it also engenders a greater level of pride in the school.

Project - Eastwood Health and Care Centre

Presenter - Shona Adam

Role - Workplace Change Adviser

Profession - Interior Designer

Video duration - 4 mins and 49 secs (6 mins 50 secs - 11 mins 39 secs)

The Eastwood Health and Care Centre is one of a series of buildings which are being developed in communities across Scotland. These are located within communities where there is a demand for improved levels of access to healthcare, which generally coincides with high levels of social deprivation.

The video focuses upon the community aspects which the Eastwood Health and Care Centre adopted in its design. This approach assists in overcoming any preconceived accessibility barriers that may have existed. The building was innovative in that it co-locates Health and Social Care professionals, enabling a one-stop approach to be adopted and it also much more efficient working between Departments. This approach is being adopted across all of the new facilities.

Shona was specifically involved in the smarter working approach, which has brought about very effective use of the office space, through shared and non-allocated workspaces (not every person has their own desk), which means that a smaller building is required to deliver the improved service. Importantly the working conditions are excellent and the environment is highly rated by the staff, resulting in a great building to work in and to visit.

Project - Dundee Central Waterfront

Presenter - Neil Rutherford

Role - Lead in Investment and Place

Profession - Finance / Banking

Video duration - 6 mins and 9 secs (11 mins 40 secs - 17 mins 49 secs)

Dundee Waterfront Regeneration is an example of a long-term investment strategy which will see a former industrial City being rejuvenated and becoming a vibrant place in which people choose to live, work and relax.

This area of the City had become disconnected from the wider City, with limited uses and reasons to visit. The focus of the work is very much about re-integrating it into the future of the City. By investing £500 million of Public/Private sector funding, the waterfront is being transformed into a thriving area which will have cultural facilities (V&A Dundee), offices, leisure and residential developments and importantly green space. It will also create around 5,000 jobs.

The video takes the audience through the redevelopment plans and identifies some of the key elements which will develop this into a great place. This is a strong example of how investment in infrastructure projects (buildings), in a planned way can create great places.

Project - Granton Waterfront Regeneration

Presenter - Fiona Clandillon

Role - Special Adviser

Profession - Town Planner

Video duration - 6 mins and 59 secs (17 mins 50 secs - 24 mins 48 secs)

The Granton regeneration project is bringing 50 hectares of formerly industrial, but now derelict/contaminated land back into use.

The project will see the development of a new community in this area of Edinburgh, with 4,000 homes of mixed tenure of homes being created, together with cultural and leisure facilities and the other amenities which will create a great place, being provided.

The development will maximise the coastal location and provide access to the Edinburgh waterfront, which currently is unattractive and consequently underutilised. It will also benefit the surrounding communities by making the area more attractive and providing a safe neighbouring environment.

The video emphasises the importance of planning and learning lessons, in the process of developing great places to live. It also provides an insight into the often invisible role of the Town Planner.

Project - Early Learning and Childcare

Presenter - Ann Jacob Chandler

Role - Programme Manager

Profession - Engineer

Video duration 6 mins and 5 secs (24 mins 49 secs - 29 mins 54 secs)

The Early Learning and Childcare expansion Programme is one of Scottish Government's priority investments. The objective being to provide 1,140 hours a year of early learning and childcare to all 3- and 4-year-olds, and eligible 2-year-olds in Scotland by August 2021. The Programme comprises over 900 new build or refurbishment projects. All facilities will have the common goal of providing the best possible early-stage education and childcare in high quality environments.

The investment has the aim of being transformative to benefit Scotland's children, parents and workforce, through flexible service delivery and providing the best possible start to Scotland's young people.

The video focuses on one of the new build projects, showing how children and staff use the facility. It also illustrates the quality of the internal and external environments which are being created.

Project - The Helix Park

Presenter - Steven Whitton

Role - Programme Manager

Profession - Quantity Surveyor

Video duration - 5 mins and 46 secs (29 mins 55 secs - 35 mins 41 secs)

The Helix Park was a joint venture between Falkirk Council and Scottish Canals. It brought back into use 350 hectares of former industrial land and connects the trans scotland canal system from the East coast to the west coast. It provides an amenity which the whole of Scotland can enjoy. Anchored by the Kelpies, the park sees in excess of one million visitors each year. Truly a great place to visit and to enjoy.

Much of the success of the £25 million lottery bid, was attributed to the support provided by local communities and school pupils, demonstrating how important the needs and voice of the community is.
