



Ex-offender Plant Operative Training Initiative 2019

The objective of this joint venture with HM Prison Service, Manchester City Council, CPUK Civils and Remediation, Novus and Tenstar Simulation is to encourage ex-offenders into the industry via the Plant Operative career path.

Jack Rowley of CPUK has recently agreed a simple route to training grant funding with CITB to aid support for this process and all SMEs who engage with it. This will be launched jointly by CPUK and CITB this summer.

This initiative has been created to increase interest in the Plant Operator area of the industry as a fulfilling, long-term work prospect and to help us contribute to decreasing the shortage of well trained and experienced staff in the industry.

A key benefit is that the training team, employer and HM Prison Services will provide a network of support for the candidate, during the temporary work release programme and post release.

Currently the joint venture has enabled simulators (computers) installed in HM Prison Hindley, Wigan (a change in English law was required for this), for initial assessments and is currently training and assessing over 100 candidates.

We will continue to roll out the scheme across the prison service and follow the progress of our current candidates with interest. It is our intention to engage children at schools local to live work sites to take part in the simulator training to increase interest in the construction and civils industry for their future careers.



Jordan Woods in action at CPUK's Aintree site

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