



North West **Construction Hub**

HOME AT FIRST STREET CULTURAL FACILITY



INVESTMENT IN TRAINING



Client
Manchester City Council

Location
Manchester

Project Value
£24 million

Contractor
Wates Construction

Architect
Mecanoo Architects
Space Architects

Start
August 2013

Completion
April 2015

Sector
Libraries and Cultural

Form of contract
NEC 3

Delivery type
Design and Construct



HOME, the Award winning centre for international contemporary visual art, theatre and film, is a new purpose-built complex in Manchester city centre and England's largest multi-art form centre outside London.

Wates Construction's delivery of HOME involved a workforce of which 60% were from the local area and a supply chain of which 80% consisted of SMEs from within a 20-mile radius.

The contractor also appointed 11 apprentices to work on the scheme plus a further four student placements. These tangible contributions to the economic and social regeneration on of the area formed part of a collaborative commitment by all the project partners and were extended post-completion with the appointment of a Work Based Training Manager.

The Wates Family Enterprise Trust's charitable programme, Wates Giving, awarded £30,000 to fund the two year position and enable HOME to increase investment in training for the arts and provide career development for talented interns, apprentices and volunteers.

The current results of this include:

- 283 volunteers contributing to 13,800 hours across numerous programmes
- 10 volunteers gained jobs at HOME as a direct result of this experience
- 2 apprentices recruited working in the Finance & Engagement teams
- Provided 1 paid internship in the Technical Theatre team
- 4900 people have participated in work focused training including initiatives such as Creative Careers Days, Digital Skills Workshops and a range of other training sessions



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"I am extremely grateful to Wates for giving me this opportunity. Not only has it allowed me to apply academic skills gained through my studies to a practical hands-on role but it has broadened my understanding of the industry."
Dorah Adams, Apprentice