



inspiring Rochdale

*the newsletter from inspiredspaces to
showcase our added value work in Rochdale*
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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of "inspiring Rochdale", the newsletter that brings you news of what the *inspiredspaces* and Carillion teams are delivering here in Rochdale.

We hope you will enjoy reading about the work that *inspiredspaces* Rochdale is doing in partnership with Rochdale Borough Council to support our young people, schools and local communities.

This issue is a catch up which captures our work from the establishment of the LEP in January 2010 up to the present day. Future editions of this newsletter will be published every term.

Should you have any questions, or if there is anything you would like to see included in this newsletter in future, please get in touch with us. Our contact details are on the back page.

A Message from the *inspiredspaces* Rochdale General Manager, Claire Butler



A lot has happened since Rochdale Borough Council established its new Local Education Partner, *inspiredspaces* Rochdale, at the beginning of 2010. Here are some of the highlights to date:

In **January**, construction work began on two sites, Hollingworth Business & Enterprise College and Siddal Moor Sports College. There's a full site progress update on page 4, and as you'll see from the photographs the new buildings are flying up.

In **February**, we held the first of our workshops to help local businesses to promote themselves and win work with organisations like Carillion. We will be holding further workshops and other similar events throughout the BSF programme.

Supporting local businesses and people is a very important part of our work. Turn to page 7 to see how BSF investment has been re-spent in Rochdale, and what opportunities we have created for local people in terms of employment and apprenticeships.

In **April**, we were very pleased to welcome Hazel Harding, former Leader of Lancashire County Council, as the Chairperson of *inspiredspaces* Rochdale. Hazel brings with her a wealth of experience of local government and BSF, and we are delighted to have her on board.

Following a period of consultation with schools, **May** saw the unveiling of OpenHive as our new Learning Platform. You can find out more about OpenHive on page 2, and

further information can be accessed from their website www.openhive.net.

Following the general election in **May**, the resulting change in Government meant there were some uncertain times for BSF schemes across the country. The future for BSF was revealed by a Government announcement on 5th July, in which Rochdale learned that its entire BSF programme was "unaffected". Whilst many other local authorities have been forced to rethink their school redevelopment proposals, all of the secondary schools in the Borough will continue to receive much-needed BSF investment to rebuild, remodel and refurbish the facilities.

In **June**, we were awarded £5,000 grant funding from Carillion's Natural Habitats Fund to support a biodiversity project across three of Rochdale's secondary schools. To find out more see page 8.

Construction of the next two schools in the programme, Matthew Moss and Cardinal Langley, started in early **July**. A lot of work has been done over the summer holidays to set up the site offices and temporary accommodation ready for the schools to come back to in September.



Health and safety is always the top priority wherever Carillion carry out construction work, therefore we have ensured that all of the construction sites are fully segregated from the school sites so that pupils, staff and visitors are kept safe. See page 6 for more information about "Target Zero" and what Carillion is doing to make sure that all of its construction sites are accident-free.

Using ICT to transform learning

Following an in-depth consultation process OPENHIVE was selected as the new Learning Platform for Rochdale's secondary schools. OPENHIVE is a modular solution which is designed to provide schools with a range of online teaching and learning tools, supported by a host of communication and collaboration facilities.

OPENHIVE-Learning is an advanced virtual learning environment that is engaging and intuitive. Built on Microsoft technology, the system has been designed to integrate with school management systems and includes a powerful 'assessment for learning' toolkit. It will provide teachers and students alike with a rich and engaging graphical user interface providing a fun and exciting environment for learning.



How can OPENHIVE support learners?

Students will be able to access their coursework online from any location; they will easily be able to work and collaborate with others in school and beyond, helping to break down the barriers to learning. Students can also personalise their individual online environments, making this unique to them.

How will OPENHIVE support teachers?

Teachers will be able to provide formative and summative assessment based on additional factors such as attendance and behaviour. Online assessments and quizzes can be targeted at individuals or groups of students together with automatic marking and grading.

Teachers will be able to share their expertise and best practice with others - by creating and sharing materials online. OpenHive also provides simple templates for lesson planning to help make course building easy.

By providing instant access to critical information, and easy analysis of data, OPENHIVE can reduce administration - meaning that teachers have more time free to teach.

How will OPENHIVE support parents, guardians and carers?

OPENHIVE can improve communication within and outside the school, by allowing all the necessary feedback and reports back to parents through OPENHIVE's rich and engaging parental reporting section. For example, parents and carers can have their own login to a secure area, allowing them to view their child's school progress and attendance record.

What else will OPENHIVE provide?

- It will provide a single environment for all teaching and learning needs - login once, access everything
- It will help to improve performance and raise attainment levels
- It will track and monitor learner progress in order to enable more personalised learning that suits individual learning styles
- It will increase collaboration and learner support (learner/learner and learner/teacher), so supporting the Every Child Matters agenda
- It will empower learners to track their own progress across subjects and against class averages

So What Is OPENHIVE?

OPENHIVE is a fully managed education platform that uniquely places personalised learning and improved educational outcomes at the heart of schools' ICT provision.

Totally integrated, OPENHIVE brings all school ICT services together, from MIS through to email, portal, VLE and online reporting. All technical issues, such as identity management and Single Sign-On, are taken care of, enabling users to enjoy the full benefits of an intuitive, engaging and fun learning experience.

When will OPENHIVE come online?

OPENHIVE will become available to all of Rochdale's secondary schools from 1st September 2010. Engagements are currently taking place with all secondary schools, focussing on the use of ICT to enhance and support learning through the new OPENHIVE learning platform, SIMs and e-mail. It is anticipated that schools will make the transition to Core Services by the end of February 2011.



Transforming Education

As Rochdale Borough Council's education partner, inspiredspaces Rochdale is committed to providing first class facilities and curriculum opportunities which will enable our young people to realise their full potential.

Working alongside the Council, we want to transform the way in which young people learn and study in a way which fits their individual needs.

There are currently a number of young people who are not in education, employment or training - we want to help them to develop their skills and knowledge by re-engaging with learning.

Business Action on Homelessness (BAoH)

Business Action on Homelessness supports homeless people to gain and sustain employment and actively campaigns for the removal of barriers to work.

Carillion has been involved with BAoH since 2007 and is supporting the BAoH programme in Rochdale with a forecast 8 placement offers in 2010 across the four sites currently in construction.

Different ways to learn?

inspiredspaces hosted a seminar event in South Tyneside on Thursday 16th September.

During the day, a number of experts and guest speakers from schools around the country shared their experiences of innovative and different approaches to teaching and learning in secondary education (11-16 and 14-19 year-olds).



All of Rochdale's secondary schools were offered free places, and we hope that those who were able to attend benefitted from this sharing of best practice and ideas.

We also want to support ways for young people to develop their skills and talents after they have left school, by offering work placements and work experience, apprenticeships, and supporting careers events.

We are linking up with local businesses, development agencies and recruitment partners so that we can signpost young people to the employment opportunities which exist within the Borough, for example through the new Kingsway Business Park developments.

Exploring local business links

Kingsway Business Park

inspiredspaces and Kingsway Business Park are exploring links to develop curriculum and employment opportunities for young people across Rochdale.

Over the summer, we started a series of educational engagements with the new Kingsway Park High School.



During the autumn term we will work closely with Kingsway Business Park, local businesses and schools, in partnership with Rochdale Development Agency, to establish an integrated approach to work-related learning, careers and local regeneration.

For example, we will be exploring curriculum projects based around local industry (past and present), and business-related projects which will enhance the delivery of curriculum areas such as business and enterprise, hospitality, retail and engineering.



In Construction

We now have four school sites in construction across Rochdale. Over the next couple of pages, we take a look at how construction works are progressing at Hollingworth Business & Enterprise College in Milnrow, Siddal Moor Sports College in Heywood, Matthew Moss High School in Rochdale and Cardinal Langley RC High School in Middleton.

Siddal Moor Sports College

Construction started in January, and to minimise the number of cars parking along the roads (which could potentially have caused a nuisance to neighbours) the first elements to be completed were the temporary contractor parking area and the permanent staff car park. Construction then commenced on a brand new three-storey teaching facility at the front of the site.



A number of the existing school buildings will also be retained, and these will be substantially remodelled or refurbished.

The new college buildings are due to be completed in December 2011.

This is an architect's view of what the new building will look like when all the construction works are complete.



Hollingworth Business & Enterprise College

Work on the new Hollingworth Business & Enterprise College started in January 2010, and over the last seven months Carillion has made fantastic progress. The good weather which we all enjoyed during May and June was certainly much appreciated by our construction teams!



As you will see from the latest progress photographs, the roof and a lot of the external walls are now in place so at least the construction teams will have some shelter from any bad weather which comes along.



The new college buildings are due to open in September 2011. The image above is an architect's view of what the new building will look like when all the construction works have been complete. If you compare this with the progress photographs, you can clearly see the school's unique building form taking shape.

Local Sourcing

inspiredspaces Rochdale is supported by its key supply chain partner, Carillion, to deliver the BSF schemes. We are also committed to engaging local businesses where possible.

To date we are proud to report that over 70% of the total construction expenditure has been spent within a fifty mile radius of Rochdale, including with local contractors such as Jackson & Jackson, JGM Fencing and more local companies (see page 7).

In Construction

Cardinal Langley RC and Matthew Moss High Schools

Following contract signature at the beginning of July, construction works have been ongoing over the summer holiday period to make sure that both sites are set up ready for the start of the new term.

This meant that when pupils returned in September, the site office and temporary school accommodation were all in place, and the construction site completely segregated from the school site. Signage has also been put up to make sure that all visitors to the sites are directed to the right places!

When complete, the schools will be transformed.



We will continue to keep you informed of our construction progress at both schools through our newsletters, so keep an eye out for future editions of this newsletter.

Don't forget that you can also get up-to-the-minute news on these schemes, and the rest of Rochdale's BSF programme, via our website : www.inspiredspaces.co.uk/rochdale

St Anne's Academy

St Anne's is one of the first Academies to enter into the new BSF ICT managed service; it therefore goes without saying that it has been a high profile



project where ICT integration into the building has been one of the highest priorities.

Capita, our ICT partner, has worked closely with the builder (Wilmott Dixon) to ensure that ICT is at the very heart of the new building and pervasive throughout.

This is immediately evident as soon as you enter the school. The modern reception area, rich with ICT



leads through to a most impressive heart space with cinema style audio/visual equipment.

Capita are also providing a full managed ICT service to the new Rochdale Sixth Form College, which opened at the beginning of September.

CAPITA



In Construction : Sustainability

Inspiredspaces are working hard to reduce the total carbon emissions at all of our schools.

Our design philosophy follows 3 key steps :

(1) reduce the use of energy and water consumption through passive design measures, for example the shape, location and orientation of the buildings, solar shading.

(2) introduce energy saving control systems.

(3) introduce renewable energy sources.

At Hollingworth, we are providing a liquid biomass CHP system which is designed to deliver a significant element of the heat and electrical requirements of the school. Any excess energy generated by the CHP unit can even be put back into the National Grid.

We will be including further details of our sustainability features in future newsletter editions, so watch this space .

In Construction

A Message from Carillion: Health & Safety

Health and safety is Carillion's top priority. We are aiming for "Target Zero" - in other words, NO reportable accidents on any of our construction sites.

Since construction started in January, all of our site managers, staff and subcontractors have been extremely vigilant to ensure that there are no reportable accidents here in Rochdale.

Carillion prides itself on being a Considerate Contractor, and it is very important to us to establish good relationships with the schools, residents and communities that we are working in - right from the word go.

We appreciate that our developments will have an impact on the local communities that we are working in, and we want to make sure that we're having a positive impact.

We try our hardest not to cause any disruption, and we are always very grateful for feedback on how we are performing and whether there is anything we need to do to improve. We also make sure that we issue regular site newsletters to our local neighbours to keep them up to date with progress and to let them know what is happening on site.

To emphasise the importance of health & safety, we have been supporting inspiredspaces Rochdale in giving assemblies and presentations to schools.

inspiredspaces Rochdale also supported the Connexions "Safe 4 Summer" event.



In 2004, Carillion plc made an industry leading commitment to achieve zero reportable accidents by 2010, "Target Zero".

Since then, our approach to Health and Safety management has continued to evolve and we have significantly improved our safety record. In fact, in 2008 656 fewer people suffered a reportable injury than would have been the case if accidents had continued to occur at the same rate as in 2004, and this improved again in 2009, with 11 fewer accidents than the previous year.

Carillion's approach to Target Zero

To help us to reach "Target Zero", we use a wide range of management tools including Directors Safety Tours, Safety Action Groups, a 'Don't Walk By' policy, Health and Safety education and supplier safety accreditation processes.

These, together with the commitment of our people, have generated demonstrable improvements in our health and safety performance across our businesses such that four out of five Carillion projects worldwide are now accident free - which means that they are achieving Target Zero.

We are one of the safest companies in our industry. But we have to keep getting better because accidents still happen. And for every accident, there are many more near misses and unsafe actions.

Going forward our target remains zero accidents. This means that, as we grow and develop, we will always strive to remove accidents from our business and to cause no harm to people affected by our work.



Just as four out of five of our projects have already achieved zero accidents for at least 12 months, each and every day we work, on each and every project and contract, we will aim to have no accidents.

If an accident does occur, we will learn from it and improve for the future. We will again Target Zero the next day - targeting zero accidents every day.

In Construction

In Partnership

Local Matters

BSF is one of the largest projects delivered in the Borough to date, with circa £192m of funding being invested in rebuilding and refurbishing local secondary schools. As a partner to Rochdale Borough Council, we're committed to using this investment to support local people, businesses and communities as much as we can.



So what are we doing about it?

Think Local

We are committed to creating new jobs across the whole BSF programme. To date, we've created five new jobs, including one permanent job role. All posts have been filled by Rochdale based candidates. Skyblue have worked in partnership with J21 to fill four of the five vacancies and with the Shawtrust for the fifth candidate.



We have established a Jobs & Training Forum, bringing together collaborative partners such as J21, Connexions, Remploy, SkyBlue (Carillion's recruitment consultancy), and the council's 14-19 team to jointly review ways in which we can work together to help local people to find work and training to improve their skills. The forum is currently chaired by inspiredspaces Rochdale.

Apprenticeships

We are creating opportunities for local apprentices to work on site so that they can complete their NVQ level 2 qualifications. We have four apprentices on our Siddal Moor and Hollingworth sites at the moment, but with construction starting at Matthew Moss and Cardinal Langley in July we are looking to take on a further ten apprentices for the new academic year.

We are working with local recruitment partners such as J21, and our own Carillion Training Services team, who have a bespoke training facility in Greater Manchester, to make sure that we are able to fully support every apprentice and that we are giving local people the first opportunity to benefit.



Claire Butler and Joanne Reeves provided Employer Talks as part of RADAMA's apprentice "summer school". This was followed up with work taster sessions on-site.

In Rochdale we are offering a minimum of twenty Full Time NVQ apprenticeship programmes. If you are interested in an apprenticeship with Carillion, please contact Carillion Training Services, Salford (0161 745 7109).

Spend Local

We are always looking for local businesses to support us in delivering the BSF programme, this could be anything from supply of materials or construction services, to site security and supply of stationery.

Just to give you an idea, we have already worked with the following local companies at the Siddal Moor and Hollingworth sites, and of the total capital expenditure to date, over 70% has



gone to companies within a 50-mile radius of Rochdale.

- Kaberry (Heywood, Rochdale)
- Woodford Plastics (Whitworth, Rochdale)
- Jackson & Jackson (Rochdale)
- Leerose (Rochdale)
- A-Tec Design Office Solutions (Rochdale)
- JGM Fencing (Rochdale)
- Environmental Management RMBC (Rochdale)
- Heyrod Communications (Oldham)
- Advanced Machine Tool Systems (Tomorden)
- Bolan Building Ltd (Ashton under Lyne)
- Bethell (Kearsley)
- Crownhouse Technology (Hulme)
- Carl Potter Brickwork (Bolton)

If you think your company can help us to deliver Rochdale's BSF Programme locally, please email our supply chain manager, Bill Sherrick: bill.sherrick@carillionplc.com

Local Matters

Sustainable Schools

In June, *inspiredspaces* Rochdale, in conjunction with the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, was awarded £5,000 from the Carillion Natural Habitats Fund to support a Biodiversity Project across three secondary schools in Rochdale.

This new and innovative project will help pupils at Hollingworth Business & Enterprise College, Siddal Moor Sports College and Matthew Moss High School to create a strategy for developing their own school grounds into wildlife havens, rich in biodiversity.



Project support will be delivered by a range of partners, including the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Carillion, *inspiredspaces*, Rochdale Ranger Service and Rochdale Borough Council's Sustainability Team.



The project was launched on 7th June to coincide with Carillion's Sustainability Week and World Environment Day, and to highlight the 2010 Year of Biodiversity. The project will run from June 2010 to February 2011.

The project brings about a valuable opportunity for schools to make a difference in an innovative and interactive way supporting development for both people and wildlife.

Safe4Summer

Supporting Connexions in Rochdale, Heywood and Middleton, *inspiredspaces* delivered two afternoon workshop sessions as part of the 'Safe4Summer' programme for school leavers.

The July workshops, based around the subject of team



building and the importance of team work in employment, included a short presentation and open discussion on the importance of team work in the delivery of the BSF programme and a number of team building activities

including Paper and Straw Game, Helium Stick and Newspaper Tower.

Local Environmental Action Fortnight

inspiredspaces Rochdale is supporting this Council-led education event by providing sustainability workshops based on the Eco Schools topics.

inspiredspaces and its environmental consultants, Enviros, ran 'Building Sustainable Schools' workshops on three days across the fortnight long event, which commenced on Monday 20th September.

The workshops were based around the subject of sustainable construction of new schools and aimed to educate students about the modern technologies incorporated into the schools of today - Grey Water Harvesting Systems, Combined Heating Plants (CHP), wind and solar power.

Our informative and interactive sessions talked around examples of these sustainable systems incorporated into schools currently being built as part of Rochdale's BSF Programme to help students relate the technologies to what is actually happening and they will have the opportunity to get 'hands on' with our Renewable Energy Kits.

The workshops held curriculum links to science and The National Framework for Sustainable Schools - Energy and Water and Buildings and Grounds.

Calling all young entrepreneurs

Over 35 Year 7 pupils took part in a Young Enterprise Day which was held at the Top Tier Grill in March.

The event was organised by Rochdale Council and Hollingworth Business & Enterprise College to promote enterprise activities within schools and was supported by a number of local business representatives, including members of the Carillion site team, John England and Charles McAlister.

The task for the pupils from Hollingworth, Springhill High School and North Chadderton High, assisted by their business mentors, was to develop a cool creation into a



business proposition and prepare a "dragon's den" style pitch to a judging panel.

The winning group's business proposal was to develop a multi-functional recycling bin where all types of waste can be recycled and sorted in one bin.

Adding Value



Architects in the making

Two 6th form students from Cardinal Langley RC High School are heading off to university in September to study architecture.

Rebecca and Keira Lyons were part of the design development team and helped to put together a final design for their school, which started in construction in July. The architects, Capita, provided 2-week work placements for both Rebecca and Keira and also provided statements in support of their university applications.

As a result, both students are now heading off to Newcastle and Nottingham universities to study architecture.

We'd like to thank the students for their involvement in the design development engagements and to congratulate them on their fantastic achievement.

Tour of Britain 2010 - Design a Flag competition

To commemorate the 2010 Tour of Britain event in Rochdale, nursery and primary school children were invited to take part in a competition to design a flag which will be given out to all spectators along the race route.

inspiredspaces was very proud to sponsor the competition.

Lots of excellent designs were received from children right across the borough, but after much deliberation



the entry from Lucy Grogan at St Edwards Primary School was finally decided upon as the winning design.

Congratulations to Lucy, who saw her design on thousands of flags, not to mention the thousands of worldwide viewers who tuned into television coverage of the event and who may well have caught a glimpse of Lucy's flag!

Along with Lucy, all children who entered the competition will receive a sports water bottle and certificate.



Recycling Workshops

In May Carillion, supported by PGC Demolition, hosted a two-hour workshop for Year 11 students at Siddal Moor Sports College. The session was designed to teach students about the use of sustainable materials and the importance of recycling in construction, in schools and generally. This is one of a series of health and safety and sustainability workshops which we will continue to deliver through the autumn term, offering the sessions to each of the schools in Rochdale's BSF programme.

About *inspiredspaces* Rochdale

inspiredspaces Rochdale was created in January 2010 as Rochdale Borough Council's local education partner (also known as a "LEP"). We are working alongside the Council's Schools Service and with all secondary schools in the Borough to deliver transformational education facilities to allow them to deliver first class teaching and learning to students both now and in the future.



The *inspiredspaces* Rochdale team is based at Lock 50 Business Centre, which is on Oldham Road.

inspiredspaces and its joint venture partners in the Local Education Partnership (LEP), reached financial close on the £192 million Rochdale Building Schools for the Future programme in January 2010.

Meet the Team

Claire Butler - General Manager
Janet Marshall - New Project Dev. Manager
Victoria Barras - New Project Dev. Manager
Lisa Simmons - Project Co-ordinator
David Moore - ICT Integration Manager
Helen Winn - Transformation Manager
Craig Chapman - Operations & Compliance Manager

If you recognise some of these names, it's because Claire, Janet and Lisa all worked for Rochdale Council Schools Service before joining the LEP. Vicky, David and Craig have joined us from other parts of *inspiredspaces*, so between us we've got plenty of experience!

The LEP team is supported by Carillion Construction, Carillion FM Services and Capita ICT. The Carillion core team is also based at Lock 50 and comprises:

Jon Hinson - Operations Director
Steve Tufts - Commercial Director
Mike Fitzgerald - Regional Design Manager
Peter Dean - Commercial Manager
Adam Cooper - Project Co-ordinator

The LEP, which comprises Rochdale Borough Council, BSF Investments Limited and Carillion, will initially deliver fourteen secondary schools. This will include three privately financed schools (to which Carillion will provide facilities management services over a 25 year concession period) and eight refurbished/remodelled schools. All fourteen schools within Rochdale's BSF programme will be completed by the end of 2013.

The LEP will deliver all aspects of the BSF process from inception to completion, helping Rochdale Borough Council to deliver educational transformation through the procurement of innovative school accommodation and related services. A key part of this will be the provision by the LEP of state of the art ICT facilities within each secondary school.

By creating radically improved school environments and educational climates, *inspiredspaces* Rochdale in partnership with Rochdale Borough Council will create the transformational step change for learners and the wider communities.

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Coming up during the autumn term, we will be

Commencing the detailed design development of the next four schools in the Rochdale BSF Programme, Middleton Technology School, Holy Family RC & CoE College and the Darnhill and Saxon Hall Pupil Referral Units (part of the Brownhill Schools Federation)

Engaging with Wardle High, St Cuthbert's RC High and Brownhill Schools to develop their BSF education visions and design briefs.

Establishing an ICT liaison forum for school representatives to be able to give feedback directly to the LEP and its ICT partners.

The Local Education Partnership (LEP), *inspiredspaces* Rochdale Ltd, is a partnership between Rochdale Borough Council, Carillion plc and Building Schools for the Future Investments LLP. The LEP's main supply chain partners are Carillion, providing construction and facilities management services, and Capita as the ICT managed service provider

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