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Training soon to be on offer to boost construction careers

Residents will soon be able to take advantage of the city's construction boom thanks to the expansion of a specialist training team.

Whitefriars Housing Group, which manages 17,000 homes across the city, has appointed Peter Brady, 47, to its new post of operations manager within its training and development agency.

The new role will see the dad-of-two build contribute to the development of services the department can offer and begin to develop new relationships with local employers and boost the opportunities for local people to secure employment in the construction industry.

Peter, 47, of Stockingford, Nuneaton, joins the Coventry-based housing group from the Learning and Skills Council. In addition to his 20 years' experience in learning and development, he also brings to the post practical trade knowledge from his early employment as an engineering apprentice, brick layer and painter and decorator.

He said: "With the growing number of construction projects happening in and around Coventry, it is vital that we give the local population every chance to retain and secure new jobs in the industry. I hope through my work within the agency we can provide mechanisms for as many people as possible, whatever their background, ability and ambition, to access the learning, development and qualifications they need to do this.

"I believe that the Coventry community as a whole needs organisations in the area that recognise their corporate responsibility to improve social, economic and environmental conditions for people.

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“What better way to contribute to improving the quality of life for the community than to join an organisation that has direct responsibility for housing a large percentage of the Coventry population?”

Whitefriars' expansion of the team follows the training and development's recent move to provide assistance to other registered social landlords across the UK. Since the team's launch in 2002, it has helped more than 250 residents gain qualifications.

Peter's responsibilities will also include managing the training of the HomeWorks, Whitefriars' repairs team, and managing the agency department staff.

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