

# Keynote Speaker: Colleges' role in achieving Sustainable Economic Development

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# Only specialist Construction related FE College in the UK.

- 7,500 students;
- > Approximately 400 staff;
- Curriculum areas:



- Construction Crafts;
- Mechanical & Electrical;
- Higher Education & Construction Management.





**Strategic Influences:** 

- Property Strategy: client role in procurement?
- Government Funding Pressures;
- Appropriateness of Qualifications?

Apprenticeship Strategy (Richard Review)



## **CONSTRUCTION STRATEGY 2025**





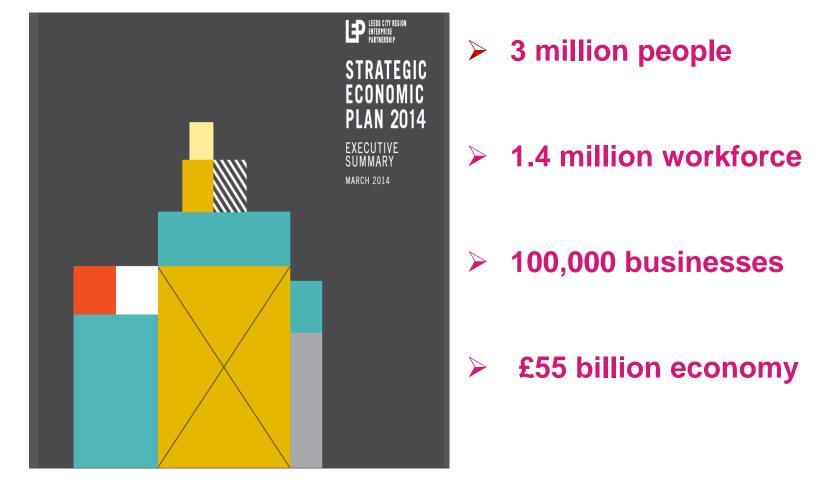
- Lower costs 30%
- Lower emissions 50%
- Faster delivery 50%
- Exports 50%

Sustainable: an industry that leads the World in low-carbon and green Construction exports.



## LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING LEEDS CITY REGION - LEP:









Leeds City Region

Infrastructure - Priority Sectors:

• Financial, Professional & Business Services

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Health & Life Sciences
- Digital and Creative
- Low Carbon and Environmental
- Food and Drink





#### **NEW CAMPUS**



Building will be:

**Procurement:** 

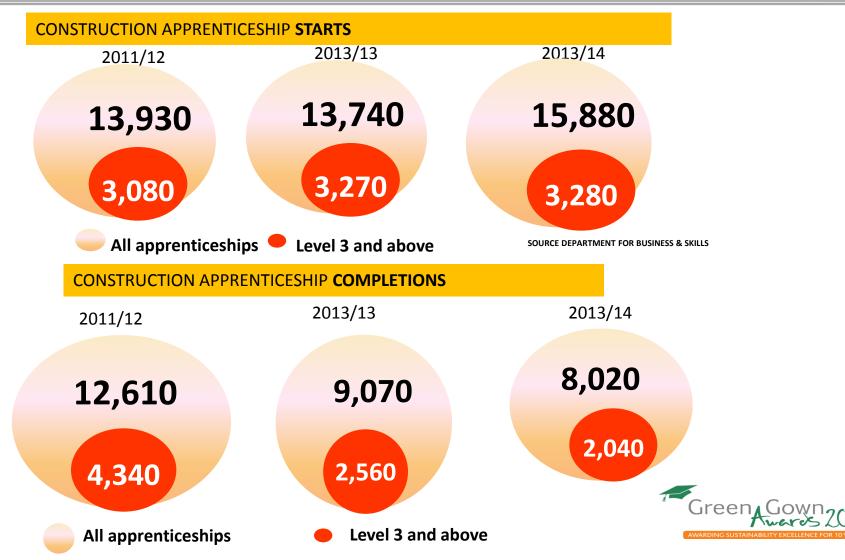
- Best Practice?
- Procurement methods

Project Bank Account

- > Adult environment that welcomes young people;
- Reflect and embody professionalism;
- Be transparent;
- Flexible to future proof curriculum;
- Environmentally positive and showcase technologies; Green
- > Commercially flexible.

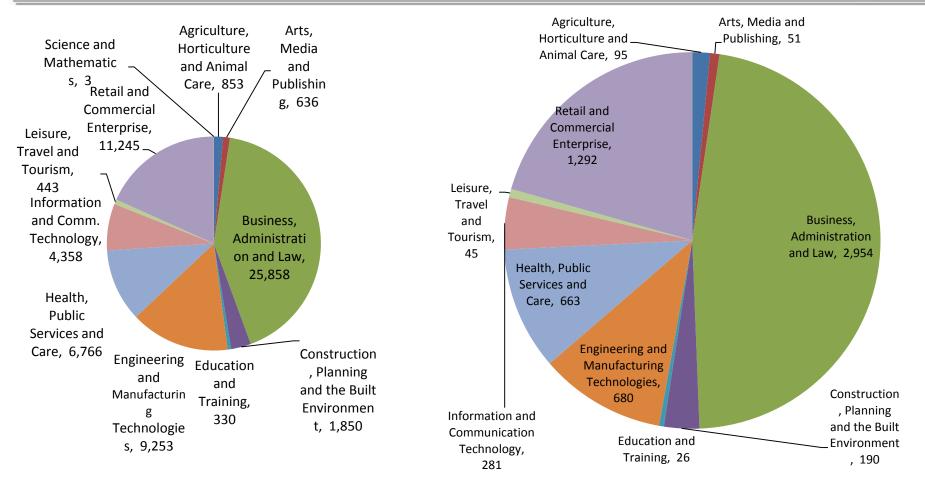
## **ECONOMIC CLIMATE**





#### DISTRIBUTION OF 2012/13 ADULT & YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS









• Governments – Conservative 3 millions

– Labour – Advanced Apps

• Richards Review:

Industry Fundamental

Trailblazers

Employer Ownership 'Pilots'



## LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING QUALIFICATIONS



**Current Qualification: (weaknesses)** 

- One size fits all approach
- Often doesn't reflect what a company does specialisation
- Length of time to modify / change units and qualifications
- Units not widely offered don't count towards qualification!
- Doesn't reflect the future direction of industry i.e. specialisation and / or multi-skilling





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The presentation considers 'Sustainable Construction' and the role that Leeds College of Building will play in supporting this.

The Construction sector is a major contributor to carbon emissions and waste. This is recognised in numerous publications, including the Construction Strategy 2025 which seeks to reduce carbon emissions by 50%, over the period to 2025. This together with the forthcoming elections, the growing skills shortages and reducing SFA support for education and training place enormous pressures on the FE sector; particularly if it is to play an important role in supporting businesses to achieve these ambitious targets.