

SCAFFOLDING ANCILLARY SERVICE OF THE YEAR AWARD

NAME OF COMPANY:	Construction College Midlands part of Walsall College
COMPANY WEBSITE:	www.constructioncollege.co.uk
1.	What services/products does your company provide? <i>(Please use bullet points if more than one).</i>
	<p>Apprenticeships in the following trade: Scaffolder Standard</p> <p>Commercial Scaffolding courses as follows:</p> <p>Scaffold Awareness, COTS, Part 1, Part 2, Advanced Scaffolder, Skills Match Assessment Level 2 & 3, Supervisors 5 day and 2-day refresher, Inspection (Basic and Advanced), CPD, IAG and EWPA (Experienced Worker Practical Assessment). Walsall College believe we are currently the only training provider in England delivering this programme.</p> <p>Funded programmes including: Scaffolding</p>
2.	What benefit do these services/products provide to scaffolding contractors?
	<p>We offer all training needed for a Tube and Fitting Scaffolder from starting out on site to becoming fully qualified, including CPD renewals and Advanced if they wish to progress. Our scaffolding training facilities are amongst the largest and best in the UK.</p> <p>We offer advice and support especially when completing their 'Portfolio' we prompt to help them achieve.</p> <p>We offer guidance on which is the best way forward for delegate to achieve their card/qualification.</p> <p>We work alongside CISRS working to improve content for courses and running Pilot Courses subsidised by CISRS. Walsall College delivers funded courses subsidised by CISRS. We work closely with CISRS piloting courses for them. In addition, CISRS work in close collaboration with the College in order to advise and input into curriculum developments. This in turn offers a high level of quality assurance to scaffolding contractors that they are receiving the best possible training in the education market.</p> <p>This training will allow companies to upskill their workforce and grow their business in terms of increased work.</p> <p>Our provision offers an individual a pathway to employment, in addition to offering a business the opportunity to enhance and upskill their workforce in order to grow their business. Scaffolding contracts have the benefit of having a workforce who have been trained using high standard facilities, replicated by those in industry. This ensures an employee is a valuable asset to their company from day one.</p>
3.	Why do you feel the services/products that your company provides should receive special recognition from NASC members?
	<p>We work alongside employers to train new and existing employees. In addition, we also deliver mandatory and professional development courses. We offer a unique service providing advice and guidance to our customers.</p> <p>Our training teams also run sessions that can be adapted to meet company's specific requirements. This includes group booking for customers.</p> <p>We have had a new Scaffold rig built to accommodate another 4 Apprentice groups per year to meet demand and support the scaffold industry. Through College investment, the College has the potential</p>



NASC AWARDS 2023

to expand our learner intake on our apprenticeship provision, thus making a significant contribution to support the training demands of the Scaffolding industry.

Walsall College is the only provider currently delivering Sector-Work Academy Programme (SWAP) provision. We have demonstrable evidence to showcase how we have taken unemployed individuals through a SWAP training programme and into sustainable employment.

Paul Dillion contracts manager for Tony Eldridge Scaffolding endorses the services offered, saying: -

“I am very pleased with the training with Midlands Construction college. It is reassuring for the industry to know our staff are getting trained properly, it is a good effort all staff put in.

Paul was very pleased with the effort and process from everyone”