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Constructing the Future's 100th apprentice joins Lovell in Blackpool



A nationally-recognised shared apprenticeship scheme, backed by CITB, has appointed its 100th apprentice in Blackpool.

Lee Kirkham, 17 from Blackpool has now joined developer Lovell on Blackpool Council's £22 million Queens Park housing development.

Lee is the first of 12 new apprentices set to build their careers with Lovell at Queens Park, having joined the "Constructing the Future" initiative, which aims to create high-quality employment opportunities for local people.

Starting on site during National Apprenticeship Week, Lee Kirkham says: "Getting this apprenticeship means the world to me. In future I want to set up my own business as a bricklayer."

Lovell regional director Nigel Yates comments: "Giving people the opportunity to build careers working on our projects is a key part of our investment in neighbourhoods and commitment to creating a lasting legacy of benefits for local communities. We are excited to be giving Lee his start in construction and to welcome him as our first apprentice on the Queens Park development - as well as Constructing the Future's 100th apprentice."

Lee will combine working on site as part of the Lovell team at Queens Park with studying at the Skills Construction Centre in Kirkham as he works towards his NVQ Level 2 qualification. His home in Blackpool is about a ten-minute walk from the Queens Park development.

Lovell will create 12 apprentice placement opportunities, including bricklayers, joiners and groundworkers on the Queens Park housing redevelopment, which will see nearly 200 new homes built.

Constructing the Future, is a north west enterprise, operated by The Calico Group in partnership with CITB, aimed at matching contractors with deserving local apprentices, who are now starting at sites across the area.