

# Bridgebuilder:

A short entry level Health and Safety  
course for the Construction industry

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# Background and Rationale

- ◆ Gap in training provision at Entry level for construction workers seeking employment (consultation - ESOL Forum)
- ◆ Influx of construction workers from other countries
- ◆ Risks involved in employing construction workers with little or no English on building sites
- ◆ The need for an interactive course to engage disaffected would-be employees (as identified by First Footings project)
- ◆ The requirements of the CSCS card scheme

# The Learners

People from Sussex who face barriers to employment in Construction- for example:

- Migrant workers with language needs
- JSA claimants
- Women
- Ex-offenders

# Aims of Course

- To help to engage disadvantaged learners
- To prepare learners towards taking the Health and Safety test for their CSCS card
- To increase the “work-readiness” of potential employees

# Delivery

- 15 glh
- 6 x 2.5-hour sessions ideally
- A stand-alone module
- Integrated into an introductory course in construction

# Delivery 2

- Focuses on developing reading and writing skills and building vocabulary
- Makes use of interactive resources, including the use of computers
- Many learners will need to progress on to further literacy or language study to support their career progression

# Next Steps

- Quality assurance already undertaken
- Piloting of the course with a construction employer and a training provider
- Feedback questionnaires
- Dissemination of final version of course and materials to training providers
- Consideration of accreditation possibilities

# Our Details



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