

## Jenny's story

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Jenny is creative and loves home improvement programmes. When she was choosing her options she didn't realise she could put her talents into practice on a vocational course alongside her GCSEs.

“After talking to a teacher I chose a Building Craft Occupations Level 1 qualification in Sheffield. I spend one day a week out of school doing a range of crafts including joinery, bricklaying, tiling, plastering and painting and decorating. It's really good learning the tricks of the trade and practising what I've learned by redecorating my bedroom and helping my dad with DIY!”

Jenny needs four Ds in her GCSEs to do the Craft Apprenticeship Awards programme. The college matches apprentices with employers so she'll do four days a week working and one day at college, which means she can earn while she learns.



## Construction and the Built Environment

It's not all hard-hats and mixing cement you know! Construction jobs are increasing for both skilled trades and building professionals.

### The careers

As well as the traditional trades of bricklaying, plumbing, plastering and joinery, there are jobs available at all levels in South Yorkshire, from basic labourers to architects, designers and chartered surveyors. The good news is that they're all accessible through vocational courses.

### Did you know?

- 8% of South Yorkshire's workforce is employed in construction.
- By 2010 the construction sector across South Yorkshire and the Humber will have expanded by 20,000 businesses.
- We're not just talking about 'jobs for the boys' – almost 200,000 women work in construction in the UK.
- Investment in housing and regeneration projects is creating the need for lots more construction trainees in South Yorkshire. By 2010, the number of architects, surveyors, planners, building services and civil engineers will all need to increase.
- The largest demand is expected to be for architects, carpenters and joiners, followed by managers, bricklayers, electricians, plumbers and steel erectors. There is also a serious need for clerical staff. Even labourers seem to be in short supply.

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