



# YORbuild Top of the Class at TeenTech 2011.



**YORbuild Framework Management Team Members and Framework Contractors worked closely together to develop an innovative curriculum based “Crystal Maze” challenge for this years TeenTech event which is a lively interactive event designed to inspire young people in Years 8 and 9 about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math’s.**

Led by Science Broadcaster Maggie Philbin the event took place at the KC Stadium, Hull on Thursday 14th July 2011 and the team from Foxhills Technology College walked away with the grand prize of a cut glass trophy, a visit to digger land and goody bags sponsored by Construction Skills, BAM Construction, Bramall Construction, George Houlton and Sons, Henry Boot, Kier, Wildgoose Construction, Willmott Dixon.



Situated in the Challenge Zone the “YORbuild Challenge” is similar to the Crystal Maze, whereby teams of 10 young people at key stage 3 level went through 5 Zones. Math’s Zone, Science Zone, Engineering Zone, Technology Zone and then finally entering the Construction Zone. In each zone the team answers 4 questions in order to gain 4 pieces of a large jigsaw. In the Construction Zone they assembled the jigsaw. The challenge was completed by Foxhills Technology College in 4 minutes and 12 seconds with Wolferton School and Endeavour High School following closely in second and third places respectively.

Mark Scott pictured above with Maggie Philbin is the Employment and Skills Coordinator for the YORbuild Framework. Mark commented “The TeenTech event is a fantastic way to connect young people with career opportunities linked to the sciences, technology, engineering and math’s. This kind of activity relates very closely to the strong commitment that YORbuild has to employment and skills and presents a great opportunity to promote careers in construction.”

For further information about the YORbuild Framework visit [www.yorbuild.com](http://www.yorbuild.com)

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The YORbuild Framework is a member of the National Improvement and Efficiency Partnership

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## **YORbuild features in government study into the benefits of collaborative frameworks.**

**The YORbuild Framework and its benefits has been showcased in a government study of the benefits that collaborative frameworks can offer to their Users.**

The National Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (NIEP) which is chaired by Andrew Smith, Chief Executive of Hampshire County Council conducted the study with the input from a number of regional collaborative frameworks including YORbuild. The study sets out that collaborative frameworks provide a range of added value benefits including:

- **Collaborative frameworks offer more competitive works costs when compared to traditional approaches to construction procurement with savings of 7.5%.**
- **Project delivery certainty with 95% of projects delivered within 5% of the target programme.**
- **85% of subcontractors are SME's with 64% being based local to the project.**
- **High levels of waste and carbon efficiency with 87% of waste diverted from landfill.**
- **Excellent levels of training and employment with over 1330 new entrants and trainees.**

YORbuild are represented on the NIEP Board by Nigel Leighton, Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and also Chair of the YORbuild Framework Management Board. Commenting about the report Nigel said “This report sets out some of the key benefits of collaborative frameworks and underlines the added value that Users can unlock. In the current challenging economic environment it is now more than ever essential to ensure that the resources of the wider public sector are invested wisely to obtain more for less whilst creating the maximisation of economic impact. The YORbuild Framework reflects and indeed exceeds some of the benefits set out in the report. This report provides evidence to potential Users considering the use of the framework of the level of benefits that they can enjoy through the use of YORbuild.”

The study was published in advance of the Government Construction Strategy (GCS) recently launched by the Efficiency and Reform Group within the Cabinet Office. Lee Parkinson, Development and Performance Manager for the YORbuild Framework was invited by the Cabinet Office to attend the launch of the strategy led by Paul Morrell OBE who is the Chief Construction Adviser to the Government. Reflecting upon the YORbuild Framework and the Governments Construction Strategy Lee commented “The new Government Construction Strategy is punchy and business like in its structure and strongly supported across the industry by trade bodies. It is clear in setting out that greater integration and competition is required within the construction supply chain. The YORbuild Framework is “GCS ready” as we can provide a range benefits including the avoidance of OJEU procurement costs, mini competition models, supply chain transparency and competitive fee levels. In addition we can provide excellent added value via our integrated employment and skills planning model, supply chain engagement programme, waste and carbon reduction and community pay back via our 4 Good Fund.”

## Humberside Police Save £3.5m on their first YORbuild Project

**Humberside Police Authority have procured their second project via the YORbuild Framework and have realised savings of £3.5m against their budget.**

The hotly contested race to secure the new Divisional Headquarters at Clough Road in Hull was won by Bam Construct via lot 6 (£10m + projects) in the East Area and finalised a mini competition tender process which took approximately 12 weeks to conclude. Using the YORbuild Framework enabled Humberside Police to avoid the lengthy and costly DJEU process and invest more time in developing the project and reducing risk. In addition the frameworks integrated models for employment and skills and supply chain engagement maximise value derived from the project.



Steve Beasant, vice chairman of Humberside Police Authority said: "Due to the current financial climate, it is an ideal time to go out to tender for such a project. As a result all of the four tenders came in at less than the estimated cost for the construction resulting in the overall cost of the project lowering by almost £3.5m. Clough Road is right in the middle of the city, moving teams to the centre of Hull means we can rationalise spending on buildings and importantly respond to community call outs more efficiently, avoiding city centre traffic and bridge delays. Using the YORbuild framework, bids were assessed on potential contractor's intentions to encourage young people from the local community to have a greater understanding of the construction industry and offer apprenticeships."

John Phillips, Construction Director and YORbuild Framework Manager for BAM said: "We're pleased to be building in Hull where we have a strong track record, and for an important client. For BAM, construction is more than materials – it is about how we build, not just what we build. We look forward to contributing to the community with this project and making a fast start."

Complying with Home Office standards Humberside Police Authority has been very prescriptive of how the 40-Cell Custody Suite should be constructed. The scheme will deliver a high quality, four storey, naturally ventilated, open plan Divisional Headquarters around a central, full height atrium. The scheme will also provide a new centralised property storage facility and on-site car parking. One clear aspiration for Humberside Police is to achieve a BREEAM Excellent rating, delivering in excess of 15% renewable technology and project is on course to deliver this.

Fergus Aitken Framework Manager for the East Area of the YORbuild Framework commented "YORbuild are delighted to be working with Humberside Police Authority in the procurement of this innovative and challenging scheme. In addition to the speed of procurement and efficiency that the YORbuild Framework offers, Humberside Police can also be sure that key value added aspects of the framework including our integrated employment and skills planning model will bring about excellent outcomes as a result of their investment in the scheme."



Humberside Police Divisional  
Headquarters, Clough Road,  
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## YORbuild's Partnership with the NEC Expands

**Two new procurement frameworks which employ NEC3 contracts have been launched in the Yorkshire region.**

YORconsult, which is currently being procured by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Sheffield City Council, will provide a framework for consultancy services commonly used in the design, development and delivery of construction works to the region's local authorities, public sector bodies and third sector organisations. It will complement the existing YORbuild Framework to provide a one stop shop for user requirements – from outline master planning through to project handover.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council will be the contracting authorities for the new YORcivil Framework which will provide efficient and value adding solutions for the procurement of civil engineering works. The North and East Area of the framework was awarded in early August with the South and West Area to be awarded in October 2011. The seven categories of work within the framework are civil engineering works below £1m, civil engineering works of £1m and above, bridges and structure works, surfacing works, traffic management works, road marking works and barrier repair works.

Steve Baker, Group Manager—Construction Management Services for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council has been central to the development and procurement of all of the YOR frameworks and commented: “NEC3 was selected for the new frameworks as the integrated suite of contracts is applicable to all types and sizes of public sector new build, refurbishment and design and build projects. NEC3 provides a great framework for collaborative working as well as a clear visibility of cost for the client team.” Rekha Thawrani, General Manager from NEC, says: “The key objective of NEC3 is to encourage the parties involved to work together to effectively allocate risks and create a working relationship which will ultimately provide value for money and a successful outcome. It is for these reasons that NEC3 was selected for the YORbuild, YORconsult and YORcivils Frameworks and why we remain the only contract suite to be endorsed by the Construction Clients' Board of the UK Cabinet Office's Efficiency & Reform group.”

The YORbuild Framework was initially launched in December 2009 and has quickly built a wide and diverse user base consisting of local authorities, educational establishments and charities. The framework provides an OJEU compliant solution to the procurement of new build, refurbishment and design and build projects of any value under the NEC3 form of contract. Projects already procured via YORbuild include £20 million worth of new-build affordable homes in the East Riding, a £20 million police headquarters in Hull for Humberside Police, a new £6 million sixth-form college at Ridgewood School in Doncaster and a £10m swimming pool in Wakefield.

Nigel Leighton, Chair of the YORbuild Framework Management Board and Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council commented: “The YORbuild Framework has quickly established a repeat user base in the region and has delivered real outcomes in terms of efficiency amongst a raft of construction delivery benefits. The YORcivil and YORconsult Frameworks will aim to replicate these outcomes and provide efficient and value adding solutions for the procurement of civil engineering works and construction related consultancy services.”

## YORbuild opens its doors to £40m of regional public sector construction work

Suppliers and subcontractors in Yorkshire and the Humber were invited to rub shoulders with YORbuild Framework Contractors at the YORbuild Supply Chain Engagement Programme Event held at the skillsXchange in Castleford on Wednesday 10th August 2011.



The YORbuild Supply Chain Engagement Programme creates visibility of supply and works opportunities at project levels.

The event focused upon over £40m of projects within the Wakefield area including amongst others the Wakefield One Pool, Carleton Community High and a number of projects at Wakefield Colleges Margaret Street Campus. Buyers from 18 YORbuild Framework Contractors were on hand to speak to delegates with a view to finding new suppliers and subcontractors to add to their supply chains for the numerous public sector building projects around the region. In addition a series of presentations outlined what the YORbuild framework is, how it works and how businesses can find work within it.

The YORbuild Framework Management Team are keen to ensure that the extended supply chain outside of the Contractors appointed to the framework have visibility of projects procured via YORbuild and are also up to date with news and developments around the framework. Via the Supply Chain Engagement Programme suppliers and subcontractors can improve their potential to secure business via the YORbuild Framework and also become more aligned to the likely requirements of YORbuild Framework Contractors. Delivered in partnership between the YORbuild Framework Management Team and Think Zero Limited members of the programme can:

- Receive early notification of new projects and attend member only project briefings
- Get connected to tendering main contractors and buyers and receive detailed breakdowns of biddable works packages
- Get advice on how you can add value to YORbuild main contractors via tailored training modules
- Raise your profile as a Supply Chain Engagement Programme Member and receive early notification of events, industry news and access to training
- Members only opportunities to meet YORbuild Framework Management Team Members, YORbuild Contractors and framework Users

David Galloway of Leeds City Council who is Framework Manager for the West Area of the Framework and Framework Sponsor of the programme said "We're committed to improving construction procurement, and widening the benefits it can bring to the public and voluntary sectors within Yorkshire and the Humber."

Further engagement events are planned across the region together with the delivery of tailored training models. For more information about the YORbuild Supply Chain Engagement Programme and how to join visit [www.yorscep.com](http://www.yorscep.com)

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## **YORbuild, Wildgoose Construction and Dearne Valley College Building Partnerships Locally.**

**A partnership between YORbuild, Wildgoose Construction and Dearne Valley College (DVC), continues to go from strength to strength.**

The Wath based college in conjunction with YORbuild work together to form relationships with building contractors to open up opportunities for its students to get hands on experience with local construction firms.

Wildgoose are currently building homes in West Melton and Kilnhurst for Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC), the projects were procured using the YORbuild Framework that includes contractual employment and skills targets and aims to offer local opportunities for local people. Wildgoose with the help of YORbuild approached the college to offer its students placements on its construction sites.

Through this partnership Construction students from the Wath based college have to study towards their Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Site Safety Plus certificate. Recently, representatives from the Chesterfield based company along with YORbuild presented Construction students with their CITB certificates.

The CITB certificate is an introduction to site safety made up of 15 sections on risks and hazards associated with construction sites. Covered over the course of a day with a multi-choice test at the end, this ensures students gain a basic understanding and awareness of health and safety duties and responsibilities of potential risks and hazards on a construction site.

Mark Scott, Employment and Skills Co-ordinator, YORbuild commented:

“Working together, Wildgoose Construction have arranged for students to go on work placements on their sites, this relationship between the three parties continues to promote sustainability and create opportunities for local people”.



## **YORbuild Launches the 4 Good Fund**

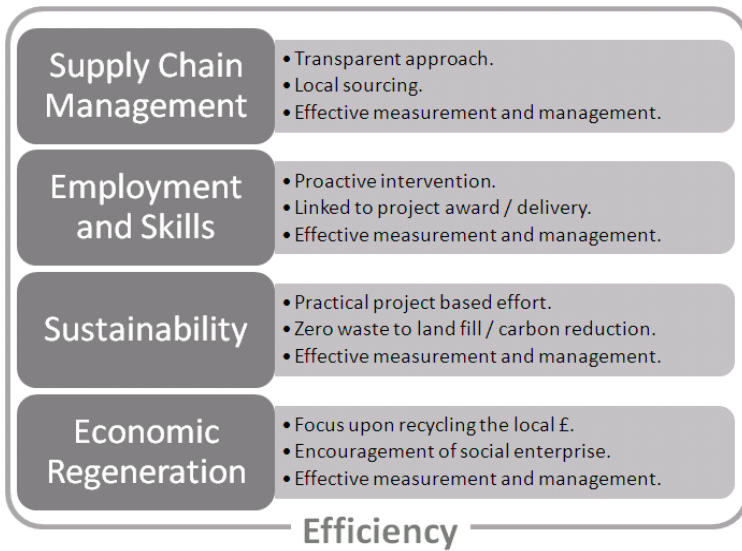
**The YORbuild Framework has developed in partnership with its framework Contractors an innovative way to deliver added value to Framework Users.**

From Autumn 2011 the framework will be developing a 4 Good Fund which can be accessed by Framework Users to kick start social economic projects. The fund will invite Framework Users to submit bids for funding which will be reviewed by a panel consisting of Framework Management Officers, Contractors and Partners.

Further information about the 4 Good Fund and the projects that it kick starts will be posted on our website and featured in our future newsletters.



YORbuild offers significant improvement and efficiency for Public Sector Clients based in the Yorkshire and Humber region but its not just about procurement. YORbuild also aims to bring about real change through the delivery of projects by adding value to the procurement and delivery process. The following figure sets out the themes that form the basis of the YORbuild Framework Management Strategy:



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## Welcome to YORbuild

The YORbuild Framework is attracting high levels of user demand due to its flexibility, excellent value added processes, alignment with best practice and of course process and procurement efficiency. New users of the YORbuild Framework include:



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