



How Apprenticeships help George Wimpey to grow and deal with a shortfall in skilled trades people

George Wimpey is one of the largest housebuilders in the UK, and with the announcement that it is merging with Taylor Woodrow, it will become the biggest housebuilder in the UK. It is also one of the largest employers of Apprentices, with up to 400 at any one time across the UK following Apprenticeships in over 20 different trades.

At George Wimpey West London, Training Coordinator Malcolm Vaughan has been responsible for organising the employment, training and support of Apprentices for over five years.

Malcolm Vaughan, Training Coordinator at George Wimpey, says:

"We see our Apprentices as future contract managers and site managers. If they don't wish to follow that career route then they can work for our subcontractors, using the skills that they have successfully trained in. Either way we are contributing to the pool of skilled trades people available to our industry."

Apprentices are the future

"We also see our Apprentices as the future of our business. Over the years there has been a shortfall of skilled trades people and if we don't support new entrants into the industry, we won't have enough people to fulfil our contractual commitments."

If you would like further information about Apprenticeships in South London call the Apprenticeship Hotline on 0800 169 4824 or visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk

