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Tomorrow's construction experts practice today

Tomorrow's construction experts recently had a chance to practise what they've been taught by Northumbria University at the 2010 Constructionarium.

GB Building Solutions sponsored the Constructionarium for the fourth year running, along with Space Architects, Core People Recruitment and Speedy Hire.

Constructionarium gives construction students the opportunity to build scale models of some of the world's most iconic buildings over the course of a week, under the supervision of construction professionals from GB Building and Space Architects.

Prior to the week commencing, the students produced programmes, method statements, risk assessments and designated roles within their team, including a Project Manager, Engineer, Planner, Health & Safety assessor, and a Quantity Surveyor. During Constructionarium week debriefing sessions took place every evening to assess the day's construction activities and to plan the following day's work. Every part of site life was covered; issuing and using permits, task briefings held each morning and the monitoring health & safety, the environment and quality.

Working in teams the students tackled four of the world's most famous buildings: Millennium Galleries; Naples Airport Interchange; The Gherkin and the Barcelona Tower. Their aim was to build as much of the building as possible during the week, and this year all buildings were completed. The more important goals are for the students to experience working as they would on a real site, gain a greater understanding of how the different disciplines fit together and understand the importance of each role in the successful construction of a building.

Martin Smout, chairman and chief executive of GB Building Solutions says, "The Constructionarium has a hugely valuable role to play in giving students experience of working on a site and everything that is involved in the construction of a building from pre-planning stages to successful completion.



“Just as importantly the students learn teamwork and respect for the different roles from QS to health & safety that need to work together in partnership in order for a construction project to be successful. We value a partnership approach and the ability to work together to find solutions above all others as they are the values that we work by as a company.

“We will definitely be supporting the Constructionarium again next year as it plays such a valuable role in helping along the next generation of construction professionals.”

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Notes for Editors

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- ❖ Education
- ❖ Hotels and leisure
- ❖ Healthcare