

How do I apply to First Footings?

If you are interested in working in the construction industry, you can ask for more information about First Footings from Connexions, Schools Careers Advisers, Jobcentre Plus or any one of the many other places which offer professional advice on training and careers.

If, after talking over your options, you think that our training programme might be right for you, the person advising you should be able to call us and register you on a First Footings "Taster Day".

You will be offered a date to come along to the training centre and find out exactly what it will be like if you decide to enrol. You will receive a letter confirming the date of your Taster Day. The organisation which referred you will also receive a copy.

It's as simple as that!

If everything goes well on the Taster Day and you decide to enrol, you will be able to start your First Footings training programme as soon as a place becomes available.

We have courses starting nearly every week, so you shouldn't have to wait too long.

Getting Advice

We recommend that before applying for any kind of training course, you should speak to someone qualified to talk to you about your individual needs, discuss your options and give you proper advice. If you are under 20 years of age, contact your local Connexions Careers Centre. If you are claiming benefits, then Jobcentre Plus or Working Links will advise you.

Am I able to apply to First Footings?

To join the First Footings entry level training programme you must live in:

- * Brighton
- * Shoreham
- * Hove
- * Sompting
- * Lancing
- * Woodingdean
- * Southwick
- * Saltdean
- * Portslade
- * Rottingdean

This is an entry level course, so if you are under 25 and already have a Level 2 qualification or have 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, then our training programme is probably not suitable for you.

Because our programmes are full-time, you cannot be working when you enrol at First Footings.

If you are claiming benefits, then you need to talk to Jobcentre Plus and they will give you the advice you need and should help you with your application.

For the majority of our students, the full training programme will be entirely free of charge. However, some adults joining our programmes may be required to pay fees and special courses will be available to those fee-paying adults who require re-training in specific construction skills.

We aim to build a diverse and inclusive workforce!

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Our Vision is to build a diverse and inclusive workforce with the training and skills needed to construct the future

Our Mission is to develop a sustainable centre of excellence for preparing individuals to reinforce the construction workforce and address the challenges of today and tomorrow



What is First Footings?

- A pre-employment construction skills training centre in East Brighton.
- Aimed at 16-24 year olds who are not in education, employment or training **and** adults who are long-term unemployed or who face barriers to employment.
- Designed to provide a taste of what it's **really** like to work in the construction industry.

What can we offer you?

- Practical learning in the best way possible – by actually having a go!
- Hands-on experience of different construction skills including carpentry and joinery, plumbing and brickwork, plastering and tiling.
- Health & Safety training.
- Basic Skills and learning support, if needed .
- “Taster days” to find out more about the training centre and the course before you join.
- The chance to work towards recognised qualifications.
- Free CSCS Health & Safety testing.
- Workplace experience placements with local employers.
- Project work in teams.
- Help with deciding what course, apprenticeship or work to apply for in the future.

Unlike most other training centres, First Footings has programmes starting nearly every week, so there is no danger of missing the beginning of the course!

The Training Programmes

Our programmes are unlike anything else available in the Brighton & Hove and Adur area!

The First Footings construction skills training centre creates a realistic working environment to show you ‘what it is like in the work place’ with workshops, not classrooms.

The entry level programme is full-time and lasts for up to 14 weeks.

We work from 8:15am to 3:30pm, 4 days per week.

What will I be doing on the programme?

- Hands-on practical training
- Non practical underpinning knowledge
- Getting workplace experience with a local employer
- Project working in teams

If you complete the programme, you will receive a Passport of Learning and Achievement which documents your achievements and skills acquired and includes a reference for potential employers.

Can I get any qualifications?

At First Footings you can work towards:

- College Certificate of Attendance and Achievement
- CSCS Health and Safety Certificate
- OCNW—Preparation for Work in the Construction Industry (Entry Level)

What if I need help with written work and number work?

Whatever your level of key skills, we will give you the learning support that suits your needs best.