





## VWEX Opportunity: Monday 15 Feb – Friday 19 Feb 2021 Deadline to register: 15/01/2021

### About Wates

Wates Group is one of the largest privately-owned construction, development and property services companies in the UK. We have a proud 120+ year history, now in our fourth generation of family ownership, Wates employs around 4,000 people and works with more than 10,000 supply-chain operatives and partners to successfully deliver a range of projects.

#### Build Yourself at Wates - A virtual work experience opportunity!

Build Yourself, our school engagement programme, aims to address misconceptions and promote careers in construction to the next generation. The VWEX opportunity will include:

- A range of fun and challenging projects and tasks throughout the week
- Virtual site tours, Q&A panels and interactive webinars featuring Wates apprentices and industry professionals
- A chance to explore opportunities in the industry and learn more about the roles available
- Build employability skills such as good communication, presentation skills and team working
- Opportunity to network with industry professionals, gain a reference and build on your CV

### We would be looking for applicants in the following locations:

Liverpool, Wrexham, Leeds, Durham, Manchester, Wakefield, Barnsley, York, Gateshead, Newcastle, Doncaster, Widnes, Rochdale, Carlisle, Whitehaven

Applications from any state maintained secondary school, academy or college (14 - 19 years) can register for the Experience programme.

Our priority is to address the skills gap and lack of diversity within the construction sector. We would especially welcome applications from:

- Students who have not previously had work experience and do not have access to other opportunities
- If you are female and interested in hearing more about construction. Women make up around 14% of construction industry professionals and this number can only be set to rise with more and more women choosing construction
- Students from BAME backgrounds Evidence shows that black, asian and minority ethnic people are entering the construction sector and progressing, however currently only 5% of the construction workforce is BAME (14% of UK workforce)

You can apply for this opportunity by clicking on the following link: https://www.s4snextgen.org/Opportunities/View/id/959





# Speakers for School

We are partnering with Speakers for School to deliver our Build Yourself Virtual Work Experience programme. Speakers for School is a UK wide charity, covering over 80% of local authorities each year. Applications from any state maintained secondary school, academy or college (14 – 19 years) can register for the Experience programme.

If you are not currently registered for Speakers for School, it is a quick and easy sign up process.

### If you are a Teacher or Educator:

To register for Speakers for School please <u>click here</u> this should take no longer than 5 minutes. Once your registration is approved you will be able to <u>login</u> to the portal where you will see the opportunities advertised and can notify your students of them through each advert. Students will also need to register to the platform using the details below.

### If you are a Student:

To register as a student please <u>click here</u> this takes no longer than 2 minutes. You will need to complete your personal information; your username would be your email address.