

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**NSCC Launches Apprenticeship Roll of Honour**

The NSCC Apprenticeship Roll of Honour was launched at the 2011 NSCC Annual Lunch on Wednesday 23 November to recognise those businesses in the specialist sector that invest in apprenticeships.

The Roll of Honour features more than 55 NSCC members who are enjoying the benefits of employing an apprentice, including a reduction in skills gaps, the ability to keep pace with the latest technology and a more motivated and productive workforce. Its launch to over 180 guests from across the industry supply chain was a unique way of showcasing the commitment of employers and the high standard of skill and professionalism that their apprentices achieve.

The champagne reception and 3-course lunch at the prestigious Institute of Directors in London, supported by B&CE, Bibby Financial Services, Bridge Insurance, Bunzl Greenham, ConstructionSkills, CSCS, Cut the Carbon, Safety Services (UK) and Wedlake Bell, was attended by apprentices employed by NSCC members across the range of specialist trades. Each apprentice received a contribution to their pension fund from B&CE and NSCC and a high quality range of PPE provided by Bunzl Greenham. The guest speaker was former England rugby player Martin Bayfield who praised the industry for continuing to invest in new talent during the recession.

NSCC Chief Executive Suzannah Nichol MBE said:

*“Apprentices are the industry’s future workforce and they have an essential role to play in the recovery of the construction industry and the UK economy as a whole. NSCC and its members are committed to the continued delivery of apprenticeships in the specialist sector and we expect the number of businesses featured on the Roll of Honour to grow as more employers recognise the benefits of employing an apprentice.”*

The Government confirmed its support for apprenticeships at the Apprenticeship Summit in London on 16 November with the announcement of a £250 million fund to encourage employers to invest in training including support for up to 20,000 new apprenticeships in 2012/13.

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. The National Specialist Contractors' Council (NSCC) brings together the common aims of 32 specialist trade organisations within the construction industry and is the authoritative voice of 7,000 Specialist Contractors in the UK – [www.nsc.org.uk](http://www.nsc.org.uk).
2. The NSCC Apprenticeship Roll of Honour can be viewed at [www.nsc.org.uk/training](http://www.nsc.org.uk/training).
3. NSCC members that employ an apprentice can be included on the new Roll of Honour by emailing their company logo to [enquiries@nsc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nsc.org.uk).
4. Further information on the latest Government measures to boost apprenticeships can be found at <http://www.bis.gov.uk/news/topstories/2011/Nov/apprenticeships-boost-for-firms>.