



Spring 2014

Hello and Welcome,

Following our 25 Years in Business celebrations in 2013 I've been grappling with the challenge to create a new Mission & Vision for the Group that everyone can buy in to, and so I want to open this newsletter with a thank you to Paul and Dawn Barron of Human Alchemy and to Stuart Baldwin of Positive. Having someone who has successfully run several £billion pound turnover companies, someone who has run a HR department for 120,000 employees and an individual who is the leading UK expert on employee engagement working with our senior team is pretty powerful. It's taken a few months to pull together but we are nearly there and will be launching our new Mission & Vision at a very special event on the 16th July. I believe we have created something that will see us inspire and lead the market, and will make everyone who is part of it feel proud.

As you will gather from this newsletter the Gelder Group is currently on overdrive, we are so busy, but that is a good thing, we are coping well and enjoying being part of an industry that is driving the UK forward and expanding rapidly - these are exciting times. I hope you enjoy this newsletter.




Steve Gelder MBE



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Buckingham Palace announce that HRH The Princess Royal is to visit Gelder Group's Head Office on 16th July 2014.

GET becomes Institute for Leadership and Management Approved Centre

GET (Gelder Educational Training) has successfully achieved Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM) Approved Centre status and is to deliver ILM qualifications from its Training Academy based in Sturton by Stow. Joining the largest awarding body for leadership and management qualifications in the UK and a global network of accredited centres, GET will offer leadership qualifications in Management, Higher Apprenticeships as well as delivering bespoke Leadership and Management training for the Gelder Group and outside organisations. Mike Johnson, Group Training Manager who heads up GET comments:-



"We went through a rigorous approval process to achieve our ILM status and are delighted that we will provide specialist leadership and management qualifications to individuals and employers from our local area. This is a great accolade to achieve and it further demonstrates the growing confidence in our training brand."

Group Secures Hatrick of Frame Work Wins!

Gelder Group have been successful in securing three separate frameworks for North East Lincolnshire Council for the delivery of projects in the £0-750k, £750-£2m and £2m + value bands.



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Major Contacts Director Kevin Manterfield comments

"We are absolutely delighted with our appointments and very much looking forward to working with North East Lincolnshire Council and their agents Cofely during the course of the next 3-4 years".

Group Completes Construction Work to Europe's Largest Antique Centre

The latest addition to Hemswell Antiques Centres, the conversion of a disused Guardsroom has been heralded as "a triumph of combining heritage with modern design" at its official opening.

The atrium style centre posed some significant challenges to the Group's Major Contracts team who overcame these and bought the £1m fast track project in on time and to budget to the delight of owner Robert Miller.

80 dealers now occupy the building which was officially opened by ex-RAF Hemswell serviceman Bill Collard, 83 who served at the base during the 1950s.

The Gelder Group's Major Contracts team have an excellent reputation for delivering complicated fast track contracts on time and to budget so if you have a project fitting that bill please get in touch.



RoSPA Gold Hat Trick

For the third year running the Gelder Group has achieved RoSPA Gold for its 'Consistently first class and proactive approach to Managing safety at all levels'. This is great recognition for all the hard work our teams put into ensure our staff's wellbeing, special thanks to our external Health and Safety advisors Stallard Kane.



Lord McNally Visits to Clayfields House

Lord McNally, former Minister of State for Justice and current Chairman of the Youth Justice Board visited Clayfields Vocational Centre this week to see the innovative partnership between the Gelder Group and Clayfields House Secure Children's Home. The partnership is the first of its kind in the UK and provided Lord McNally with a great opportunity to see how private and public partnerships can revolutionise the youth justice system. Luke (17) who is a currently living at Clayfields House represented all of the partners throughout the tour of the unit including the Clayfields Vocational Centre which is under construction by the Gelder Group. Ian Smith, Head of Offender Training commented "Luke's professionalism and character was more powerful and persuasive in putting across the Clayfields vision for training and rehabilitation than any of the partners could have achieved". The Clayfields Vocational Centre is part of the Gelder Group's innovative Design-Build-Train programme and is due to open in early June and will provide a range of vocational provisions to the Youth Justice Board and local authority schools. 80% of learners attending the vocational centre will be referred from mainstream education from across the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire region.

Pictured: (left to right) – Simon Morley (Mixed Foundations), Lord McNally, Luke (Clayfields resident), Alison Sanders (YJB and SCH Contract Manager), Rachel Coombs (NCC Group Manager) and Ian Smith (Gelder Group).



Appointments



Jackie Atkins has joined GET as a Vocational Tutor and Assessor. Her background includes working with a variety of adult learners including prisoners in North Sea Camp, Lincoln and Morton Hall prisons and young adults (16 – 18) who need support in preparing them for an apprenticeship, work or college.



James Henderson has recently joined our Insurance Repair and Renovation division as a Surveyor. James is very experienced having worked within the insurance sector for over 20 years. He is currently in training before settling into life at our Kettering office.



David Baines has joined the Major Contacts Department as a Contracts Manager, David has a huge range of construction experience having worked on various projects from high rise residential steel frame buildings to reinforced concrete buildings to more traditionally constructed structures.

Diary Dates

6th, 7th, 8th June - Gelder Camp
16th July - Launch of the new Gelder Group Mission and Vision