



CONSTRUCTION FOR WOMEN

GALA

— BUILDING WOMEN'S FUTURES —

“Inclusion is not a matter of political correctness. It is the key to growth.”



February 05, 2026

The Manchester Deansgate
Hotel



CONSTRUCTION
FOR *Women*

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FOUNDER'S FOREWORD

RENÉE PRESTON

Founder, Construction For Women | CEO,
Gallaway

*Top 100 Women in Construction 2024/25 |
Businesswomen of the Year in STEM &
Construction Award 2025 | STEM Champion
IWCE 2025 | Inspirational Leader IWCE 2025*



Welcome, and thank you for joining us this evening.

Tonight is about celebrating what's been built over the last two years – largely on a shoestring – and what that proves is possible when intent is matched with action.

Construction for Women was created to change outcomes, not conversations. In a short space of time, it has grown from a simple idea into a national platform supporting hundreds of women, reshaping career pathways, and delivering measurable impact across the built environment.

Along that journey, one thing became clear: widening access alone is not enough if the industry itself is not ready. Honest conversations through mentoring highlighted the need to address site culture, safety, welfare, and retention – leading to the development of the National Site Standard, a practical framework designed to support genuine change on site.

This evening is an opportunity to reflect on progress, strengthen partnerships, and commit to raising standards across our sector. Thank you for your support, your leadership, and your shared belief in a construction industry that works better for everyone.



Programme

Master of Ceremony:

Yanmo Adetula

Drinks Reception

Pre-function breakout area

Dinner

Deansgate Suite

Raffle

Deansgate Suite

Silent Auction

Reception Foyer

Entertainment

DJ:

Dr Penny Traynor

Singer:

Nina Morton



Menu

Starters

Dhal Tart Spiced Tomato & Feta,
Rose Harissa Dressing

Main

24 Hour Braised Shoulder of
Lamb & Lamb Cutlet, Minted
Peas, Crushed Potato,
Courgette, Mint & Lamb Fat
Gravy (Gluten free)

Vegan Main

Jerusalem Artichoke Risotto
Crispy Artichoke, Black Garlic
Cream, Wild rocket

Dessert

Trio of Chocolate, Dark
Chocolate Cremeux, Milk
Chocolate Mousse, White
Chocolate Ice Cream, Passion
Fruit & Mint

**All menu items include
vegan/vegetarian option*

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Manchester City Legends Lounge – Table for Four

Premium hospitality for four in the Legends Lounge at a Manchester City match.

Valid for a domestic cup fixture (this or next season) or a Champions League group-stage game next season.

Estimated Value £2000 - Kindly donated by Manchester City Football Club

4-Nights at Luxury Chalet in Les Gets

A luxury chalet escape in Les Gets, famed for its skiing, beautiful mountains, and traditional Alpine town. Accommodates 6 people with hot tub, 3 beds, 2 baths, prime location. *(Off-peak & outside school holidays only)*

Estimated Value £2,500 - Kindly donated by Renée & Ian Preston.

Signed Manchester United 2022/23 Home Shirt

A classic piece of memorabilia, signed by multiple first-team players.

Estimated Value £700 - Kindly donated by Manchester United Football Club.

Signed Manchester United 2017/18 Third Kit

A standout collectors piece, signed by multiple first-team players.

Estimated Value £400 - Kindly donated by Manchester United Football Club.

Two Hospitality Tickets to a Show at Co-op Live

See a selected show at the Co-Op Live Arena, including premium seating and hospitality access. *(Show and date to be confirmed)*

Estimated Value £600 - Kindly donated by Engage 5.

RAFFLE

Prizes
viewable
online or in-
person.

£5 Per Ticket



With Thanks to Our Supporting Organisations



Other Companies Represented at the Gala

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The logo for Construction For Women is located in a white circle on a dark grey background. It features the text 'CONSTRUCTION FOR Women' in a sans-serif font, with 'CONSTRUCTION' in grey, 'FOR' in yellow, and 'Women' in a cursive script. To the right of the text is a yellow graphic of three curved lines resembling a stylized 'C' or a construction element.

CONSTRUCTION
FOR Women

Construction For Women is a purpose-driven organisation working to transform the construction industry into a more inclusive, equitable space for all.

Founded in 2024 by Renée Preston, our mission is simple: to break down the systemic barriers that have long limited women's participation in construction.

Through outreach, education, and advocacy, we challenge outdated perceptions and highlight the diverse career paths available in the built environment. From raising awareness among young girls to empowering women entering or re-entering the workforce, Construction For Women is dedicated to building a future where women can thrive in every corner of the industry.

12-Week Training Programme

Focused programmes delivering real skills and recognised qualifications in construction. Delivered with industry partners, supporting progression into further training, apprenticeships, and employment.

Our ambition is to support up to 72 women into employment during 2026-27. We are seeking partners to help fund and deliver these programmes.

To get involved contact:

renee@constructionforwomen.co.uk



Construction for Girls - Industry Taster Days

Construction for Women delivers hands-on Construction Taster Days designed to give students and early-talent participants meaningful exposure to careers across the built environment.

Taster Days go beyond observation. Participants take part in practical, interactive sessions led by industry professionals, gaining insight into real roles, pathways, and progression routes within construction. Activities are designed to build confidence, challenge perceptions, and help participants make informed decisions about their future.



Delivered in partnership with schools and colleges, Taster Days support informed decision-making and help participants understand progression routes into further education, training, and future careers.



To date, Construction for Women has delivered Taster Days to over 700 students nationwide, with consistently positive outcomes in career interest, confidence, and awareness of construction pathways.

Get Involved:

- Host a Taster Day
- Support delivery or activity
- Get in touch to partner with us



Mentorship Programme

Our structured mentorship programme connects participants with experienced professionals across the sector, providing practical guidance, career insight, and support at key stages of progression.



The programme builds confidence, supports retention, and strengthens professional networks.

Get Involved:

Scan the QR code to register your interest in becoming a mentor



Ambassador Programme

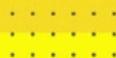
Industry professionals leading inclusive change across construction.

The Construction for Women Ambassador Programme brings together experienced professionals who play an active role in supporting

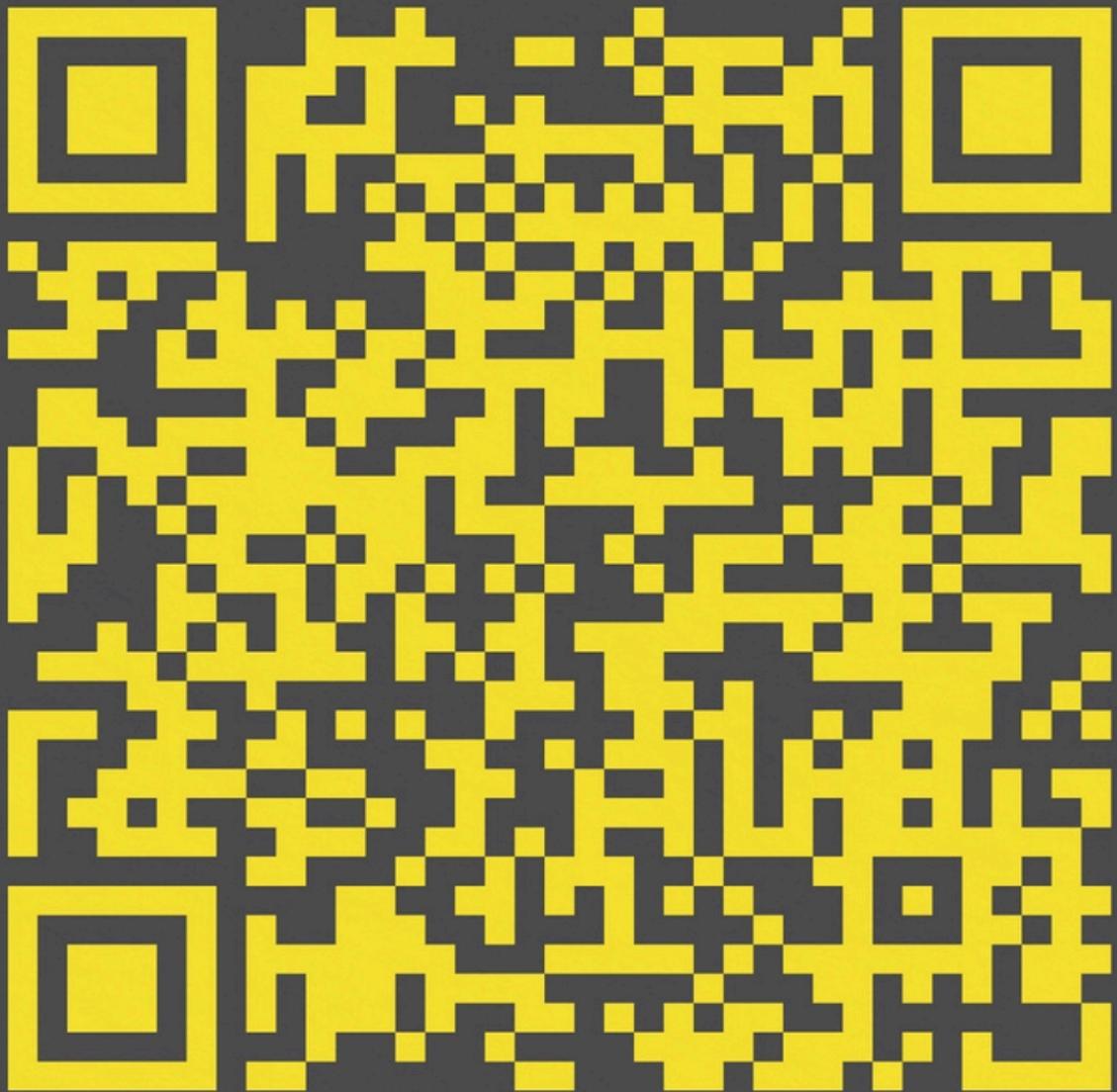
mentoring, early-talent engagement, and national programmes across the built environment. Ambassadors help extend our reach regionally, support events and outreach activity, and champion the adoption of the National Site Standard.

The programme recognises individuals who are committed to delivery, consistency, and meaningful impact – helping to strengthen inclusive talent pipelines and raise standards across the sector.

Contact harry@constructionforwomen for more information about becoming an ambassador



PLEDGE TO BECOME A
CONSTRUCTION FOR WOMEN
MENTOR



Construction for Women: National Site Standard for Female Operatives

A first-of-its-kind governance-led national framework providing a consistent benchmark across:

- Welfare provision
- PPE suitability
- Site culture and behaviour
- Leadership accountability and reporting

It supports safer, more inclusive, and more professional site environments, while helping organisations demonstrate leadership and good practice.

Get involved:

- Adopt the National Site Standard
- Champion best practice on site
- Scan the QR code to learn more



UKREiiF 2026: Building the Next Generation

300 young women | Full UKREiiF access | 12-month mentoring

In 2026, Construction For Women will deliver the UK's largest female-focused student and early-career engagement programme ever delivered at UKREiiF – the UK's Real Estate Investment & Infrastructure Forum. Over 300 young women will take part in three full days of structured career development, full UKREiiF access, and long-term support designed to drive progression into the built environment.

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**FULL DAYS OF
ENGAGEMENT**

300

**YOUNG
WOMEN**

2100+

**HOURS OF CDP
DEVELOPMENT**

12

**MONTH
MENTORSHIPS**

£3M+

**PROJECTED
SOCIAL VALUE**

Access. Exposure. Opportunity.

Construction for Women delivers a dedicated engagement programme in partnership with UKREiiF, providing female students with meaningful access to the built environment sector.

The programme provides structured engagement, mentoring, and exposure to a wide range of roles across the built environment, building confidence, insight, and clearer career pathways.

UKREiiF provides a national platform to connect talent, industry, and opportunity — supporting long-term progression and workforce development.

In partnership with:



2026

NEXT GEN ROADSHOW

6 EVENTS ACROSS 6 CITIES



Manchester

DATE & VENUE TBD

London

DATE & VENUE TBD

Birmingham

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Leeds

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Cardiff

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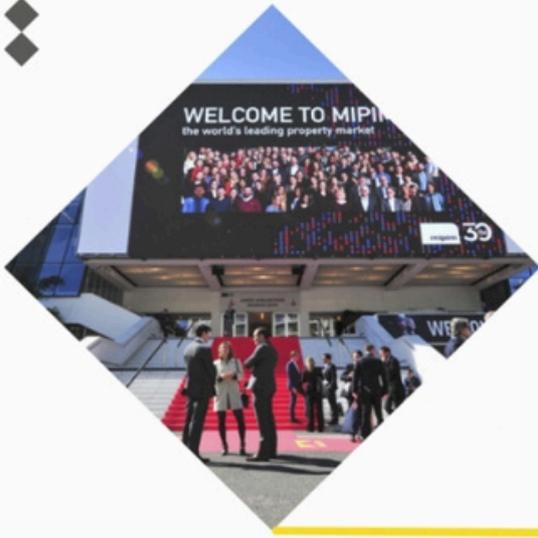
Glasgow

DATE & VENUE TBD

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