3rd February 2015

**BUILDING PATHWAYS**

12.00 to 16.00 hours, 18th March 2015,

at The Carriageworks, The Electric Press, Millennium Square, Leeds LS2 3AD

On behalf of Youthbuild UK, I would like to invite you and/or your colleagues to our Building Pathways event, which examines how to unleash the potential of disengaged, disaffected young people to fill the construction industry skills gap.

The issues we are facing are: -

* There is, currently, a 200,000 shortfall in the construction workforce
* There are, as reported by HMG on 21st August 2014, 955,000 young people not in education, employment or training (NEETS) in England

The potential solution is to: -

* Give / create opportunities for disaffected / disadvantaged young people to train for and / or become employed in the construction industry

Does it work?

* Hear from young people who have transformed their lives by entering the construction industry
* Hear from public, private and third sector organisations that work with and / or create opportunities for disaffected / disadvantaged young people

Could you help to create the “workforce of the future”?

The programme for the day is 12.15: arrival and buffet luncheon, 13.00: Welcome and Chair’s opening remarks, 13.15: How we do it – practitioner’s stories, 14.30: break, 14.45: Young People’s stories, 15.15: Keynote speech, 15.40: Chair’s closing remarks , 15.45: departures.

We would be delighted if you could join us, alternatively, if you cannot attend, and would like to nominate another person from your organisation, please submit their details on the reply form.

Could you please confirm your attendance and complete the attached reply form and return to Howard Platts, howard@ybuk.org

Yours sincerely,



Baroness Smith of Basildon

President Youthbuild UK



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Please return no later than Friday 27th February 2015

Should you have any queries please contact Howard Platts by e-mail or by telephone 07779 962221