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Build UK Announces Dates for Open Doors 2017

Following the phenomenal success of Open Doors 2016, Build UK is delighted to announce that the next Open Doors initiative will take place from **Monday 27 March to Saturday 1 April 2017**.

Open Doors which is delivered by Build UK, in partnership with the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB), sees Build UK members open live construction sites and offices to the public to go 'behind the scenes' and showcase the huge variety of careers available in the industry. It also seeks to inspire young people and career changers to consider and explore a dynamic and exciting career in the construction industry.

This year's event saw over 3,000 bookings across 138 construction sites in England, Scotland and Wales, and in 2017 the industry aims to build on this success and enable even more people to go behind the hoardings to experience valuable insights into construction. Open Doors visitors will hear directly from construction workers representing the breadth of the industry about their careers and experiences, and will be provided with a tour of the project so that they can experience the impact of construction on their local and wider communities' first-hand.

Build UK is delivering Open Doors as part of its commitment to changing the image of the industry by focusing on inspiring people to choose construction, whilst also motivating the current workforce to stay in the industry. Build UK is encouraging members from across the construction supply chain to participate by volunteering to open their sites and get involved in Open Doors 2017.

Build UK Chief Executive **Suzannah Nichol MBE** said:

"Open Doors is a fantastic initiative which helps tackle our skills challenges by demonstrating the huge impact of the industry on the UK's economy and local communities. We are extremely proud of achieving record numbers as well as some fantastic feedback this year, and are being even more ambitious for next year's event. We can't wait to get started, and are aiming to get even more sites and visitors involved as we look to harness the success of Open Doors 2016."

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1. Build UK provides a strong collective voice for the construction supply chain by bringing together construction Clients, Main Contractors and the leading Trade Associations representing over 11,500 Specialist Contractors – www.builduk.org.
2. To find out more about Build UK's priorities, see the [Build UK Action Plan](#).
3. To find out more about the success of last year's event, see the [Open Doors website](#).
4. To register your interest in participating in Open Doors, see the [Open Doors website](#).
5. To find out more about CITB, see the [CITB website](#).