



Our Hospital

Year 6 – Primary School

Myth - Working in construction is dangerous and bad for your health.

Buster - The UK construction industry is the safest in Europe.

Myth - Working in construction means doing a practical job, working out in the cold.

Buster - There is a wide variety of careers in construction which can involve working in a whole range of different locations and workplaces including a 'live' construction site, an office, a workshop or working from home. There are hundreds of careers in Construction & the Built Environment involving design, management and engineering that don't involve getting your hands dirty.

Myth - Construction is a dirty industry that is bad for the environment.

Buster - Many construction careers are focused on green technologies and sustainability, making sure the environment is protected during the construction process. For example, a new housing estate might feature a community playground gym that all housing estate residents can use, or the use of solar panels to reduce energy bills or a bridge across a newly constructed motorway to allow wildlife such as hedgehogs and badgers to cross safely.

Myth - Construction is just 'jobs for the boys'.

Buster - Over 320,000 women work in construction in the UK. Females working in construction are employed in lots of interesting and varied roles including Civil Engineers (12% of all Civil Engineers) and Architects (18% of all Architects). 92% of all females in the construction industry work in professional careers e.g. Architects, Civil Engineers, Quantity Surveyors.