BATTERSEA POWER STATION'S VILLAGE HALL

Battersea Power Station Development Company (BPSDC) is delighted to unveil the newest community and retail space as a part of Phase 1 Circus West. Subject to planning, the scheme will renovate the redundant railway arches between Chelsea Bridge Wharf and Phase 1 to provide new coffee shops, small retail spaces, BPS’ Battersea Academy for Skills and Excellence (BASE) and a new community space called the Village Hall. The Village Hall will be a hub for the whole community, providing a venue for uses such as yoga classes, kids’ parties, local exhibitions and theatre productions.

BASE

BPSDC is pleased to announce that Michelle Dawson has been appointed to head the new Battersea Academy for Skills and Excellence, also known as BASE. When fully operational, BASE will provide a focal point for local people to access on-site employment and develop skills through training and apprenticeship opportunities. We’ll have more details about BASE in the next edition of the Power Station Post.

SAVE BATTERSEA ARTS CENTRE

Battersea Power Station Development Company has pledged to donate £100,000 to Battersea Arts Centre, after a major fire destroyed a large section of its roof and the Great Hall in March. BPSDC’s donation will go towards BAC’s Phoenix Fund to support the repair of the iconic listed building. If you would also like to help support Battersea Arts Centre, you can visit BAC’s website www.bac.org.uk.

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A TASTE OF WORK

In February we launched our work experience programme, giving students in Years 12 and 13 a taste of working life at Battersea Power Station. As part of the programme, students are given a business scenario, with a series of tasks which they have to work in a team to complete. At the end of the week they present their findings to the Battersea Power Station staff team, giving them an opportunity to practice their presentation skills. Some of the props devised so far have been so good that BPSCDC is now looking to implement them. Alongside the scenario task, each student is allocated a mentor in the department that most interests them, giving hands-on experience of the business area throughout the week. Most recently, two local students, Archie Knay and Louis Wright from St Francis Xavier 6th Form College, undertook one week of work experience with BPSCDC before going on to complete a second week at Skanska’s offices on Phase 2.

WORKING WITH HARRIS ACADEMY BATTERSEA

To help highlight the opportunities of a career in the construction and development industry, BPSCDC recently helped to organise the school careers fair at the new Harris Academy Battersea. Pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 were able to meet and ask questions of representatives from BPSCDC as well as Skanska, Carillion, Cascade Communications, Paler Roe Live and environmental consultants AE.COM. BG

A GREEN GIFT

BPSCDC recently donated 44 large mature trees to the Conservation Volunteers charity for their meuntimes nursery at the Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park. The trees, which were previously part of the temporary landscaping on the Power Station site, were carefully lifted by local landscaping contractors, Belbedds, and their roots wrapped in hessian before being transported by lorry. A further 12 have been relocated on site. For more on the Conservation trust visit www.tcv.org.uk/about.

ANOTHER LOCAL FIRM STARTS WORK AT THE POWER STATION

BPSCDC has appointed local landscaping firm, Belbedds, to work on the landscaping of the new sales and marketing suite on site. The appointment reflects BPSCDC’s ambition to place contracts locally where possible. Belbedds was commissioned following a Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce event for local companies and small/medium enterprises (SME) where they stood out for their recognisable commitment to the Borough.

KEEPING IT LOCAL

The BPSCDC Communities, Estates & Procurement teams hosted representatives from more than 50 local businesses in The View as part of the joint councils’ Supply Nine Elms scheme to promote local procurement. The event was attended by Wandsworth Council’s Deputy Mayor, Crl Richard Field, and Deputy Economic Development Officer, Steve Diamand, along with many of the local companies that are already supplying the project and those who aspire to become part of the supply chain in the Nine Elms Opportunity Area.

WORKING LUNCH

Local Wandsworth social enterprise, Well Kneaded, recently brought their famous pizza van to the Power Station providing lunch for over 50 BPSCDC staff as part of the Power Station’s most recent internal ‘Lightbulb lunch’ seminar, this time focusing on sustainability. In return for some fabulous sourdough pizzas, staff were given an update on Battersea Power Station’s sustainability strategy and its impact. Well Kneaded provide training and employment opportunities to local young people. You can read more about them here: www.wellkneadedfood.com.

THE PEOPLE MAKING IT HAPPEN

This month we profile Nicola Charles, a Project Manager with Turner & Townsend working at Battersea Power Station, who was recently shortlisted for the ‘Project Manager of the Year Category at the Women in Construction Awards 2015.’

Nicola started working on site as a Project Manager in 2013 to deliver the Power House Marketing Suite which was on the roof of the Power Station. She is now the Site Wide Logistics Project Manager which involves the management of materials, access, security, people and site facilities.

Women are still significantly underrepresented in the construction sector but Nicola’s experience and success demonstrate that things are changing. She didn’t enter the industry through a traditional route, having left school at 14 with no qualifications and no interest in the world of construction. However, having completed an Honours degree in Psychology and Sociology, she joined leading Project Management consultants, Turner & Townsend, in a PA and secretary which immediately opened her eyes to the possibilities of a career in the construction industry. Turner & Townsend recognised her potential and gave Nicola the opportunity to become a Trainee Project Manager and she has never looked back. Now a Senior Project Manager at Battersea Power Station, her previous projects have included working on the Thames Gateway Masterplan, London Olympics and Westfield Stratford City.

As a working mother, Nicola has to balance home and work life but attributes her success to a commitment to ongoing learning and simple hard work.

JOBS FOR THE GIRLS

Clare Hebbes, BPSCDC Infrastructure & Sustainability Director, took the opportunity to challenge gender stereotypes when she attended Wandsworth’s Work Match ‘Jobs for the Girls’ careers conference in March. She talked to girls from local schools about jobs in the construction sector and encouraged them to consider a career in one the UK’s most successful industries.
CHIMNEY UPDATE

First works on the South West Chimney were completed in early January 2015. Reconstruction work is already well underway and by Summer 2015 the South West Chimney will have reached 25m in height. At this point work will start on the remaining three chimneys. BPSDC is committed to restoring the iconic chimneys and all four chimneys are due to be fully rebuilt by mid 2016.

To find out more about the restoration of the chimneys visit https://www.batterseapowerstation.co.uk/#/go/view/app/chimney?view=updates

NORTHERN LINE EXTENSION

A large section of the southern half of the Battersea Power Station site has now been taken over by Northern Line Extension main contractors, Ferrovial Agroman Laing O’Rourke (FLO), to begin tunnelling works. To attend the next meeting you can find out more information at tfl.gov.uk/northern-line-extension. You can get in contact with the project team at nle@tfl.gov.uk or 0343 222 2424.

SITE WIDE WORKS

Phase 1 works are now well out of the ground with 9 tower cranes on site. Three of the new building cores are currently under construction with Core A now at 9 storeys, Core B at 6 storeys and Core C at 3 storeys. Cladding has already started to be added to the north west corner of the building, giving an exciting taste of how our first finished buildings will look. Phase 2 main contractor, Skanska, has now started works on the restoration of the iconic Power Station building.