



**Nottingham  
City Homes**

# Press Release

## **Nottingham City Homes gives local people the chance to be their One in a Million!**

More than 200 local people will have the opportunity to pursue a range of different careers with Nottingham City Homes through its One in a Million training scheme.

The One in a Million scheme is part of our Secure Warm Modern (SWM) programme, which started on April 1 2008. It is a promise from us that for every £1m spent on SWM programme, we will take on an apprentice. Some of the apprentices will work alongside our in-house properties team, and some will be taken on by our main partners, such as Keepmoat.

The Secure Warm Modern programme is our five-year plan to bring Nottingham city's council homes up to at least the Government's Decent Homes standard. If we get 'two stars' in our Audit Commission inspection this November we will be able to spend £243 million of Government and Nottingham City Council funding on this project.

As an apprentice you can get the best of both worlds. Apprenticeships combine hands-on experience in work with studying for the qualification you need.

We will be offering apprenticeships in bricklaying, plumbing, heating carpentry, joinery, window fitting electrics, plastering and business administration.

We are keen to employ local people who already live on our estates to help boost employment in these areas - and give real opportunities to those young people who want to pursue a career in the construction industry.

We currently have 15 apprentices already working and learning with us, some who will be completing their apprenticeships this year, and some who are soon set to start with us on the first leg of the Secure Warm Modern programme. Some work on the programme has already been paid for and so is not waiting for the extra investment we will receive if we achieve our two stars in the inspection.

Chris Langstaff, Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes, said: "The One in a Million scheme will provide real opportunities to local people in the city of Nottingham.

"Over the next five years, as long as we get our two stars, we will employ and train more than 200 apprentices. Work-based learning is often the best way to pick up your trade and of course you get paid at the same time too.

"Our Secure Warm Modern programme will be a huge boost for our tenants, and we are really keen to encourage local people living on our estates to become a part of this and apply to be a One in a Million apprentice."

NCH's windows installation team are one of our partners who have already agreed to take on their first three apprentices. They are working on the £3.1m first leg of the Nottingham Secure programme to fit double glazed windows to council homes in Aspley.

Keepmoat is one of our other partners that has also taken on five apprentices through the scheme. They are working on the £5m Warmth for Nottingham and Modern Living programmes in Clifton, carrying out heating installation and installing new kitchens and bathrooms.

Paul Senior, Project Director at Keepmoat, said: "Keepmoat are committed to sustainable community regeneration and that means providing opportunities for local employment and training in the areas in which we work.

"Together with our supply chain partners on this project, who employ another six apprentices, we have enabled a total of 11 local people from the Nottingham area to embark on a career within the industry.

"This demonstrates how our commitment to community regeneration continues to be sustained for the benefit of the strategic long-term partnership with Nottingham City Homes."

Apprentices will be trained up to NVQ Level 2 standard and could be given the opportunity to train even further if they want to continue their training and there is funding available.

For further information on how to sign up, please see our website [www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk), email [oneinamillion@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk](mailto:oneinamillion@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk). Alternatively, why not

contact Connexions on 08080 013 219 or find your local office at [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com).

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**Notes to editors:**

- Interviews are available on request with current apprentices and those waiting to start on the One in a Million scheme.
- Interviews are also available on request with officers leading on the scheme.
- Nottingham City Homes was created on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 as an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) to manage Nottingham City Council's rented and leasehold homes. We are now working hard towards bringing Nottingham's council houses up to the Government's Decent Homes standard by 2013.

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