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Cutting edge low carbon technology



A visionary environmental training centre in Bury St Edmunds is a step closer to realisation as a major capital funding award has been announced.

West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership has allocated £157,050 to West Suffolk College to help build a ground-breaking low carbon construction training centre. The facility will introduce Construction students, employers and members of the wider community to sustainable technologies which can be used in new and existing buildings.

Cllr John Griffiths MBE, Chair of the West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership said: "We are delighted to be providing funding to West Suffolk College to help them create an innovative training facility. This will both showcase sustainable building products and equipment to a wide range of people and help to deliver them. It's an excellent way to be investing in the future."

College Principal Dr Ann Williams said: "We are delighted to receive this important funding. The vision for this first-class environmental technologies facility at our new premises in Anglian Lane is based on facilities in Germany.



“We have already developed a small training facility through the part-European funded Build with CaRe project, and developed partnerships with manufacturers such as Daikin UK, who are experts in the heat exchange systems which are at the cutting edge of technology.



“As well as training our students in build, retrofit, installation and maintenance of energy efficient systems we will be taking the message to a wide range of construction professionals and to community groups, using inventive displays to demonstrate environmental impact and cost savings.”

The centre is an addition to the College’s Construction and Building Services training facilities, rated Outstanding by OfSTED, which will be transferring to the new Milburn Centre in Anglian Lane in September.