



### Case Study

#### **SkyBlue Scotland working with Skills Development Scotland to aid unemployed local people into employment on the Network Rail Airdrie to Bathgate Rail Link Project in Central Scotland**

Construction is well underway on one of the most significant rail projects in Scotland for several decades. The reopening of the Airdrie-Bathgate Rail Link after 50 years will complete this missing link for communities between Glasgow and Edinburgh.

SkyBlue Solutions, Carillion's in house recruitment business, working in partnership with Jobcentre Plus, selected eight local unemployed people to undertake a specifically designed three week construction training program. The program forms part of the Local Employment Partnership, known as LEP. The program will enable unemployed people to begin work on the Airdrie-Bathgate Rail Link Project; this training program was wholly funded by Skills Development Scotland.

The training course was delivered by local training partner Sibbald Training at their premises in Blackridge, West Lothian. On successful completion of this course the successful candidates will be allocated to work on this civil engineering project and will be required to adhere to the agreed site hours.

This opportunity will give the successful candidates a new skills base which will ensure they are employed in the local economy for the duration of the contract.

One of SkyBlue's key relationships in this project has been with the UK's Jobcentre Plus Network. In 2006 SkyBlue signed up and committed to the Governments Local Employment Partnership or LEP as it is more commonly known. Since signing on the dotted line SkyBlue has helped over 1,500 people into employment opportunities, many of these have come from disadvantaged or deprived backgrounds and from areas of society that can tend to be overlooked in the employment market.

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