



Young people working towards a career in gas engineering will be able to gain valuable hands-on training thanks to a new contract between Kier North Tyneside and leading training provider JTL to tackle youth unemployment in the region. The contract will see all JTL gas trainees carry out their appliances assessments at Kier's brand new gas assessment centre in Killingworth, which provides state-of-the-art gas training facilities to the whole of the north-east.

The contract, which begins this month and will run until September 2012, will see trainees carrying out training modules including CCN1 (core safety), CPA1 (combustion performance analyser) and appliance training based on individual requirements. Appliance training can include HTR1 (fires and space heaters), CKR1 (cookers), CENWAT1 (central heating boilers and water heaters) and DAH1 (domestic air heater).

In return for providing assessment opportunities for its students, JTL will be providing all Kier North Tyneside operatives with manual handling courses to equip them with valuable skills and know-how to help them carry out tasks safely and without risk of injuring themselves or others. All candidates carrying out plumbing apprenticeships with Kier North Tyneside will also receive their classroom training with JTL.

Kier North Tyneside director, Mike Furze, said: "At Kier, we are committed to making a positive contribution to the local community, as well as benefiting local people by providing them with high quality work experience and training opportunities. By sharing services with JTL we hope to offer trainees a full range of learning opportunities, which will provide them with an excellent base on which to build their careers within the industry."

JTL regional manager, Rob Moore, said of the partnership: “We are delighted to be working in partnership with a company like Kier North Tyneside. We are highly committed to providing high quality apprenticeships and training opportunities to local young people and working closely with Kier is a great way to be able to do this.”

Kier North Tyneside is currently recruiting for ten apprentices to work across a number of professional trades as part of its commitment to supporting local young people into employment. Interviews are taking place this month and successful candidates will start with the company in October.

For more information on gas training opportunities with Kier visit: [www.gastrainingatkier.co.uk](http://www.gastrainingatkier.co.uk)