

Telford Homes – Tree Planting

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The kids who planted trees and learnt a thing or two.

Having recently been recognised as most improved home builder for a second year running in the 2018 Next Generation sustainable housing benchmark report. Telford Homes is aiming to inspire the next generation with its values.

The developer invited 20 eight and nine-year-old pupils from Canary Wharf College to the Liberty Building scheme on the Isle of Dogs for a morning learning about constructions, sustainability and tree-planting.

Kitted out in high-vis jackets and hard-hats, the children assisted the on-site team in laying top soil as large diggers were used to manoeuvre some English-grown trees into position as part of landscaping at the development.

The morning event began with a talk by site manager, Kevin Hunt, who spoke about the natural environment and sustainability, two topics that have been recently added to the school's curriculum.

The tree-planting marks the beginning of a long-term partnership between Telford and Canary Wharf College, which is set to include plastic fishing, aiming to reduce the amount of single-use plastics in local bodies of water, in the New year.

Telford Homes will be providing funding for equipment for these activities and is hoping to involve more students from the school in future projects across its London sites.

Kevin said: "We are thrilled to engage the local community particularly when it concerns the natural environment and sustainability. The topic are high on our priority list as we strive to deliver more sustainable housing across London. The children were really excited to be helping out and the landscaping looks great thanks to their hard work."

Telford was recently awarded gold at 2018's Next Generation Sustainability Benchmarking Awards. The developer has risen through the ranks to fourth place in 2018 from 17th in 2016, putting its rapid progress down to the adoption of its Building a Living Legacy sustainability strategy, which was launched in 2016.

Telford says the strategy reflects its dedication to sustainable and responsible house building and pledges to contribute to London's greener future.