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**W**ALLYFORD Community Campus opened in late 2023 and is an integral part of East Lothian Council's growth masterplan, providing secondary education for the growing community as well as opening up its sport and leisure facilities for the community to use.

The Campus is one of 47 schools being delivered through the 'outcomes focused' £2bn Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP) which our Learning Estate team manages on behalf of Scottish Government and COSLA.

When the Wallyford Community Campus was selected to be part of the programme, our team began working alongside the Council and its consultants to understand the wider needs for the community, sharing experiences and knowledge from previous projects delivered through

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LEIP, and the now completed Scotland's Schools for the Future programme.

Recognising the importance of meeting local employment needs, and with support from our Learning Estate team the Council worked closely with further education bodies, trade organisations, Developing Young Workforce and Skills Development Scotland to help inform how the school was to be designed to meet those employment needs.

Now open, the Campus has established a number of strategic alliances, in particular with The Regional Construction Skills Academy, which is a partnership with Edinburgh College to support the progression of skilled workers into the industry, contributing to growth both within the region and across Scotland. Edinburgh College is currently delivering two courses at the campus: NPA Construction Craft Level 4 and Introduction to Construction with a purpose built space soon to be created.

In addition, an Agricultural Skills Academy has been established with horticultural spaces, and outdoor greenhouses and polytunnels that support practical learning as a partnership with Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) to deliver horticulture qualifications from the Campus.

Councillor Norman Hampshire, Leader of East Lothian Council, said: *"Wallyford Campus and its grounds have been designed to maximise opportunities for people of all ages and interests and to act as a hub for community activities and initiatives.*

*"I'd like to congratulate the teams involved in this impressive building. It's an incredible achievement and shows the strength of the partnerships we have had throughout."*



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