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## Fairy Jobmother launches scheme to help Redcar and Cleveland residents into employment



Fairy Jobmother Hayley Taylor and Coast & Country Chief Executive Iain Sim practise plastering at the Westfield Farm Barn.

TWO new schemes have been launched to try and help people into work by TV's Fairy Jobmother.

Hayley Taylor, who is a patron of the Westfield Farm community resource centre, returned to the training venue in Dormanstown, near Redcar, where people will learn hands on construction skills.

The centre, run by housing association Coast and Country, has also teamed up with **SureTrax** and New College Durham to launch a new initiative called 'Forging Futures', which will help create pathways into employment for jobless residents.

On her return to the centre, she said: "The vision and ambition behind Westfield Farm continues to grow to offer even more tangible support and help to enable residents to forge a better future for themselves and their families."

The barn, which is being converted, will be used to deliver a variety of projects to help people into work.

Iain Sim, chief executive of the housing association, said: "Our work goes beyond the provision of housing, but also includes the delivery of community-based services to tackle unemployment and social exclusion.

"Westfield Farm's part in helping residents overcome barriers to employment and equipping them with work-related skills continues apace as is demonstrated by the conversion of the barn and the launch of 'Forging Futures'."