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Gen2 Unveil Model of their Future Centre

Gen2 have just unveiled a new laser-cut model of their forthcoming Lillyhall training centre - The Centre for Advanced Manufacturing and Nuclear Skills (CAMNS), due to open later this year. The building is currently being developed on the former Camtex site and will be a 7,000 sq metre facility which will include 3,000 sq metres of cutting-edge engineering training workshops, equipped with the latest specialist equipment and machinery, along with classrooms to accommodate an additional 500 learners.

The Gen2 commissioned model of the centre is over a metre in length and was designed and manufactured over six weeks by Design Code Ltd, based in Cockermouth. Design Code are a new company developed from the former digital fabrication facility – ‘Fab Lab’, led by managing Director, Zoe Crossan. The model was one of the first 3D architectural models to be created by the new company and was based on the architectural drawings.

Zoe Crossan explains “using laser cutting technology and CAD design we were able to create a highly accurate scale model that allows the onlooker to explore the layout of the Gen2 CAMNS building and see how the space is designed to be used. The integrated LEDs light up the laser-engraved floor plan which adds depth and impact to the model. We really enjoyed the challenge of creating the scaled details of the building included the castellated beams and moulded acrylic skylights. We hope that this model will be useful as part of the CAMNS internal design process and that it can also be enjoyed as a display piece for Gen2 students, staff and visitors.”

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The model was first unveiled last week at the annual Gen2 Celebration of Higher Education achievement and will be showcased during National Apprenticeship Week in March.

Mike Smith OBE, Gen2 CEO said, "We are delighted with the CAMNS model. It has surpassed our expectations and the attention to detail is exemplary. The model provides a unique look at our new multi-million pound training centre and we look forward to showcasing the model to our employers and learners during National Apprenticeship Week, before the actual centre opens in September.

Despite being a new organisation the Design Code team have been very professional and accommodating of our needs and the end results speaks for itself! We would definitely recommend them to others and wish them every success in the future."

Anyone wishing to find out more about 3D architectural modelling or bespoke signage should contact Design Code on 01900 825080.

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