

YOUNGSTERS DISCOVER LEGO LEAGUE SUPERPOWERS IN NI.PARK SOCIAL VALUE PROJECT



Telford school children came together for the final of the second LEGO league Explore programme – sponsored by Telford & Wrekin Council and Morris Property and supported by Capgemini

The programme introduced children to a scientific challenge to help them develop new skills and have fun with LEGO.

LEGO kits were purchased using the social value fund raised as part of the Ni.Park phase two construction project.

Construction of three 10,000sq ft commercial units at Ni.Park, on the outskirts of Newport, is Telford & Wrekin Council's latest direct investment at the site where Morris Property were awarded the contract. The units will be owned and managed by the Estates and Investments team.

More than 100 pupils from 10 schools took part in the competition over 10 weeks and in the final pupils presented to judges from the Council, Morris Property and Capgemini before a prize giving ceremony.



Phase One of the Ni.Park project delivered a series of smaller units at the innovative agricultural technology park which are occupied by agri-tech businesses or firms with links to the agri-tech sector – making it a hub for knowledge, expertise and industry networking.

The Public Services (Social Value) Act came into force on 31 January 2013 requiring people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits.

The fund can only be spent in the Telford and Wrekin area so schools within the borough were approached to participate.



Councillor Lee Carter (Lab), Telford & Wrekin Council's cabinet member for place (the economy & neighbourhood services) said: "This programme has provided a great opportunity to utilise some of the social value fund brought forward as part of the Ni.Park development.

"We're proud to support this programme and help local school students with their learning along the way.

"Ni.PARK has become an outstanding centre of agricultural excellence in Newport and we are pleased to have co-sponsored the LEGO programme through the social value programme it has raised."