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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **OVER 40 TRAINEES TO JOIN CHEVIN**

Chevin Housing have been successful in securing Future Jobs Funding which will enable them to take on over 40 trainees during 2010 and early 2011.

The Future Jobs fund which is run by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) aims to create 170,000 additional jobs, primarily aimed at 18-24 year olds who have been out of work for over 6 months to deliver real benefits to communities. They are specifically targeting 50,000 jobs in unemployment hotspots and expect around 10,000 of the 170,000 jobs created to be green jobs.

Over 40 placements have been identified at Chevin Housing, each on a 6 month basis working in construction and administration. Construction trainees get the opportunity to work on development sites with Chevin contractors learning construction skills whilst administration trainees get the chance to develop general office skills and deliver support services to various departments including: sales, performance & business improvement, property services, regeneration and training.

The jobs are a great opportunity to learn new skills and gain experience. Chevin is also offering support to trainees towards the end of their placement with help to search for employment, CV writing, completing application forms and looking in to any further training/qualifications they may wish to pursue.

#### **Danielle Osborn aged 21 from Wakefield who has recently joined Chevin working in an administration post commented:**

"I absolutely love working at Chevin. I have been applying for jobs in administration but have no experience so have not been able to get my foot in the door. The Future Jobs Fund is fantastic. It is giving me the opportunity to get the office/admin experience I need and I am going to be soon studying an NVQ qualification in Customer Services. I have a two year old son who I have been able to put in to nursery now that I am earning a wage and it is great to see him enjoying himself and me being able to do this for him. I work in the Property Services department at Chevin which is a very busy department and I am learning so much. I have been taking telephone calls, raising orders, booking services, filing, photocopying, e-mailing, working on the computer and writing letters. Everyone at Chevin is so friendly, helpful and supportive and I have everything crossed that at the end of the 6 month job placement there will be other opportunities open up for me within the company."

**Janine Ingle, Regeneration Manager at Chevin said** “The Future Jobs Fund is such a great opportunity for local people to gain the work experience and skills they need to secure future employment and we are already seeing the benefits they bring to the Association because of their hard work and commitment.”

**Photographed:** Danielle busy at work at Chevin’s Head Office in Wakefield

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