

Welcome to the latest Acorn/Sacyr UK new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC) project news update. Every quarter, we will tell you about project progress, what is going on within the community around the build, as well as initiatives that are taking place around the community connected with the project.

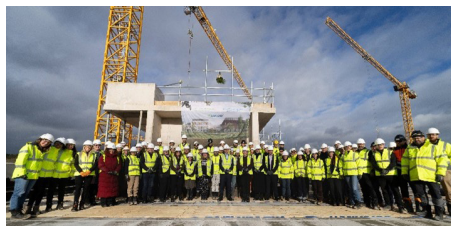
Culture

A topping out ceremony has taken place to celebrate the completion of the main structure of the new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC).

Interim Chief Executive of Velindre University NHS Trust, Carl James, said:

"We're proud to see the nVCC taking shape and to be one step closer to opening a facility that will provide patients, families, and our staff with great care."

Jorge Beceiro Castresana, General Manager of the nVCC and part of Acorn Consortium, said:



"It has been wonderful to celebrate this important stage of the build. We are proud to be contributing to this important building that will make a difference to the people of Wales."

As the project enters the next stage of construction, work will now focus on fitting out the inside of the building.

The new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC) also reached a significant milestone with the installation of the timber frame. The frame forms the heart of the building known as the Lolfa (living room), which people will pass through when visiting.

One of the largest timber frames of its kind in the UK, the Lolfa will form a central core space for patients, families, and staff.



Nurture

The new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC) project team welcomed their children to site for Sacyr UK's first Sidekick Day.



Eight children enjoyed a day of discovery, learning what their parents do at work and exploring the world of construction.

Guided by Community Benefits Coordinator Jo O'Keefe, with support from Hannah Jenkins and Sam Rees, the young sidekicks toured the office, got to wear PPE, and took part in construction-based activities.

The children also joined a scavenger hunt spelling out 'Velindre,' toured the site to see the project taking shape, and made seed bombs to help boost biodiversity in nVCC's green areas.

The new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC) project team got their oven gloves and aprons to take part in their very own Macmillan Coffee Morning. Everyone had a chat, shared a coffee and cake, and discussed how cancer has affected them and their loved ones. The team raised more than £400 for the charity.

Sacyr UK design leads Carlos Acuna, Vincenzo Nigro, and General Manager Jorge Beceiro Castresana were also in action as they took part in the Cardiff Half Marathon alongside 29,000 runners to raise funds for Llamau. Together, they raised £871, enough to provide up to 9 nights of safe accommodation or nearly 30 in-house counselling sessions for young people and vulnerable women facing homelessness.

Future

Autumn has been a season of activity for Acorn and Sacyr UK at the new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC), including:

- Over 100 Cardiff University students visited the nVCC project site to learn about construction and infrastructure development. Students enjoyed a presentation on the centre's design and sustainability features, followed by a site tour about environmental preservation and safety.

- Sacyr UK's Community Benefits team joined the Cardiff Into Work Jobs Fair at Sophia Gardens, alongside 80 employers and 20 construction companies. The event provided an opportunity to connect with job seekers, share project updates, and highlight roles within the team.



- Prostate Cymru's Dai Johns visited the nVCC for talks on recognising and preventing prostate cancer. Dai, diagnosed at 56 and now cancer-free, shared his story and the importance of early detection. Over 2,500 men in Wales are diagnosed annually.

The next resident drop-in is scheduled for Wednesday 28 January 2026, at the Noddfa building at 19 Park Road by the Velindre Cancer Centre rear car park, from 6pm to 7pm where members of the Acorn, Sacyr, and Velindre team will be on hand to discuss progress on our work. These take place on the last Wednesday of the month for the duration of the construction programme.

For more information about the project, visit the website at: newvelindre.info