

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

Sacyr's Community Benefits Team had a great day at the very first Show Cancer the V event.

From the laughter to the tears and cheers, every moment was a reminder of what happens when people come together to make a difference.



Over 900 people stood together with families, friends and colleagues to take on the challenge to run either 1.5k, 5k or 10k. Colleagues swapped desks for running shoes and runners, walkers, joggers, and supporters all united with one goal, to Show Cancer the V! Over £100,000 has been raised, with 100% of this incredible amount benefitting Velindre thanks to the generosity of some amazing sponsors.

Charity President, Jonathan Davies, said "To our sponsors, volunteers, route planning committee, event partners, participants and donors and staff, your support changes lives, and we couldn't do it without you."

The new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC) team also attended the Whitchurch Festival to share project updates, highlight the benefits of the new cancer centre, and answer questions from members of the public.

Scheduled to open in spring 2027, the new cancer centre's world class facilities will transform cancer care in Wales and focus on the needs of patients and staff.

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Nurture

Entrepreneurial Academy candidate Mia Harris recently welcomed ITV News to the new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC) site highlighting her inspiring journey from cancer patient to aspiring entrepreneur.



Sacyr, along with community partners, inspires and supports future generations of entrepreneurs through the Entrepreneurial Academy to build business ideas, gain practical management skills, and access potential grant funding.

Drawing on her own experience of receiving treatment for leukaemia, Mia has developed a business concept that creates accessible clothing for patients undergoing hospital treatment. Her innovative designs allow medical access for treatment without the need to cut, remove or damage clothing, helping patients maintain comfort and dignity throughout their care.

Students from Bryn y Deryn School also visited the new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC) site to take part in a bricklaying workshop with contractors, Falcon 3.

The session inspired interest in construction and helped students to develop practical skills within the industry.



Future

The Entrepreneurial Academy was held at the new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC).

The programme showcased the incredible potential of individuals who may have previously faced barriers to employment or been overlooked by the labour market.

Throughout the course, participants developed their confidence, skills and entrepreneurial mindset. Concepts ranged from adaptable cancer-treatment clothing to wheelchair sports and other socially driven ventures.



Sacyr is supporting Men's Sheds by donating surplus materials from site, such as pallets and timber for their projects.

Men's Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, chat and create together, helping to reduce loneliness and isolation, while building friendships, sharing skills and having fun. Activities vary from woodwork and metalwork, to repairs, electronics, model making or even car building. Sacyr has recently provided Lisvane Men's Sheds with a £1,000 grant.

The next resident drop-in is scheduled for Wednesday 30 September 2026, from 6pm to 7pm at the Noddfa building at 19 Park Road by the Velindre Cancer Centre rear car park. Members of the Acorn, Sacyr and Velindre team will be on hand to discuss progress on our works and answer any questions. Sessions take place on the last Wednesday of every month.

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