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Trade skills centre the first of its kind

THE largest private trade skills training centre of its kind in the UK has opened at Hedge End.

It's the result of the teaming up of New Careers Skills and Apprenticeship Training Ltd.

The 10,000sqft centre, which provides plumbing and electric courses, has the capacity to train 100 individuals at any one time.

New Career Skills say they chose Southampton for the location because of the availability of a skilled workforce, quality commercial premises and accessible communication routes.

Training bays filled with fully functional basins, toilets, baths and showers all with running water provide the most realistic training frames possible.

Tim Adderson, founder of New Career Skills, said: "We are delighted to join ATL on this venture and bring such a landmark facility to Southampton.

"We are committed to help fill the skills shortage and this high-capacity training centre will make a large contribution to the trades industry."