



**Making the  
Most of Masters**  
Work based projects



## Award-winning Partnership for Sustainable Water Management

An Abertay MSc project led to a national environmental award! The award stemmed from collaborative work on a stormwater management MSc project that was supervised by Dr Rebecca Wade (Abertay University) alongside Dr Brian D'Arcy (C&D Associates). It involved testing a new product ('SUDSbox') designed by C&D Associates. The Student worked with a major residential developer (TaylorWimpey plc) to install this innovative technology at one of their sites, the project developed into a partnership which also included representatives from Scottish Government and Central Scotland Green Network Trust (CSGNT). This joint effort was the winner of the 2015 VIBES Co-operation Award. The Co-operation Award recognises organisations with the strategic vision to recognise that working in partnership can improve its overall contribution to sustainable development.

### MSC PROGRAMME LEADER

**DR REBECCA WADE - SCHOOL OF SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, ABERTAY UNIVERSITY**

*"The MSc Energy, Water & Environmental Management programme at Abertay University offers an integration of scientific, technical, managerial and entrepreneurial concepts. The MSc equips students with knowledge on efficient use of energy and water resources, whilst ensuring sustainability and environmental protection. The MSc programme is delivered by a team of leading academics supported by industrial practitioners. The links with industry and research result in interesting and applied MSc teaching and projects."*

### STUDENT FEEDBACK

**JAMES TRAVERS - SENIOR ENGINEER, TAYLOR WIMPEY WEST SCOTLAND**

*"Why did I choose to study for my Masters at Abertay? I have been involved in residential site design for over 25 years and have seen drainage/SUDS design steadily grow and be more technically involved. I had previously been on two SUDS courses run by the Urban Water Technology Centre at Abertay University, they are regarded within the industry as a leader in the field."*

*I was able to do the MSc course part-time, with support from my employer. I could keep working and also raise my profile in the SUDS community." An award-winning partnership has certainly helped with that. "I would definitely encourage other students to study at Abertay. I have already placed several of my staff on the on-line SUDS training courses at Abertay."*

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### EMPLOYER EXPERIENCE

**STEPHEN ANDRE - TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, TAYLOR WIMPEY WEST SCOTLAND**

*"We're really delighted that our Torrance Park Water Project has secured such a high-profile award. It recognises the strength of the entire team that's been working together for some time now, and it truly reflects the benefit of collaborative working where each organisation is using its expertise to create an innovative way to encourage greener gardens that will contribute to the wider green infrastructure."*

**NEIL CAMPBELL AND BRIAN D'ARCY - PARTNERS OF C&D ASSOCIATES LLP**

*"We are thrilled to have received a VIBES Award. Our focus is on exploring new ideas to bring about practical solutions to problems that in turn bring significant environmental and business opportunities to Scotland."*