

Work starts on Scotland's advanced manufacturing innovation district.

A new manufacturing district in Renfrewshire which will create thousands of new jobs for the sector is a step closer as work has now started on the site of the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS).

Key partners from the project took part in ground breaking event, which included a reception and tour of family-owned Inchinnan company Peak Scientific, who design and manufacture the world's leading gas generators used for laboratory analytics across a wide range of sectors including cancer research and screening newborns.

Renfrewshire pupils from Inchinnan Primary were also on hand to plant a tailor-made time capsule on the site, packed full of local manufacturing mementos together with the children's 'dream inventions' - covering everything from glasses that can see emotions to a self-navigating bike.



The [Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland \(AMIDS\)](#) will be based next to Glasgow Airport and is expected to put Renfrewshire at the heart of Scotland's manufacturing industry.

Renfrewshire Council are leading the district's development in partnership with Scottish Government and Scottish Enterprise and it is estimated it will create up to 6,000 jobs and boost Scotland's manufacturing sector by £535million in GVA a year.

A 52-hectare campus at the heart of the district will house companies harnessing new technologies and accessing cutting edge research. and the site is already confirmed as the location for the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland and the Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre.

Work has now started on constructing the enabling infrastructure, which includes new roads, bridges, cycling routes and pedestrian walkways, being delivered by the [Glasgow Airport Investment Area \(GAIA\)](#) project which is funded through the £1.13 billion Glasgow City Region City Deal, jointly funded by the UK and Scottish governments.

This work, which is scheduled for completion in early 2021, will also strengthen connections to nearby Westway Park, Scotland's largest fully enclosed industrial distribution and office park, and to Inchinnan Business Park, home to more than 30 businesses including Rolls Royce PLC, Peak Scientific and the University of Strathclyde's Advanced Forming Research Centre.

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