

# Construction industry just 12.5% women and 5.4% BAME



## Only 5% of construction workers are BAME says GMB Union while pledging commitment to more diverse workforce

Just one in eight construction workers are women, shock figures reveal.

The figures are based on analysis of official statistics by GMB, the union for construction workers.

At the current rate it will take almost 200 years to achieve gender equality in the construction industry.

Meanwhile figures from the ONS's Labour Force Survey show that in the fourth quarter of last year just 5.4% of construction workers were BAME.



The statistics emerge as GMB Union launches its 'Building for Britain' charter at the Ferrybridge Energy from Waste project in Yorkshire.

**Jude Brimble, GMB National Secretary, said:**

"The construction industry is facing a massive inequality challenge. GMB is committed to building a more diverse workforce that is sustainable for the future.

## The Building for Britain Pledge



"The sector also faces huge problems in health and safety, while the spectre of bogus self-employment is never far away.

"That's why we are launching our Building for Britain pledge today - to tackle these issues and make construction industry and safer, more inclusive place to work."

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