

Top 10 Tips for Collaborative Working



As the sector climbs out of recession, the Collaborative Working Champions of Constructing Excellence wished to remind people of the most important issues that define collaborative working and make it work, in terms of delivering superior outcomes for clients, suppliers and stakeholders....

- 1. Encourage the culture, and reward the behaviours, that support a collaborative approach.**
- 2. Focus on outturn value not just cost.**
- 3. Select on merit: do not procure on lowest cost especially when you can't be sure what you need.**
- 4. Involve the supply chain, they are the experts in their field.**
- 5. Make decisions that benefit the whole project.**
- 6. Involve others as early as you can and not just earlier than usual; involve key partners right from the start.**
- 7. Ensure that all team members know what to do and have the appropriate collaborative competencies to do it.**
- 8. Make sure everyone can access and use all the information.**
- 9. Use collaborative contracts that encourage trust, provide transparency and produce more trouble-free projects.**
- 10. Expect promptly paid for involvement - not free consultation.**





About the Collaborative Working Champions

This group of practitioners meets quarterly, coached by Kevin Thomas of Visionality to share experience and to influence and mentor those looking for support. There is a core group of some 20 individuals but others are always welcome to join. Many of them have been implementing and promoting collaborative principles for well over ten years, and collectively they draw on some 500 years of construction industry experience.

In 2015 the group acted as a sounding board for IUK's Alliancing in Infrastructure, ICW's application of BS11000 and updating the Strategic Forum's Integration Toolkit. The Champions also undertook a survey of members collaborative relationships, produced the top 10 Benefits and Tips for Collaborative Working and commenced an evaluation of where the industry might be in 2025. In 2016 the group is looking to produce further Top 10's collaborating with other CE working groups starting with BIM; complete a maturity model linking collaborative working, BIM and lean; further promote member-to-member collaborative business; and continue to support the uptake of Integrated Project Insurance (IPI) procurement trials.

Collaborative Working Champions Network

The Collaborative Working Champions have also created an online network for people interested in learning about and promoting integrated Collaborative Working in the built environment. It is an open group, welcoming industry participants from all backgrounds. More information can be found at <http://constructingexcellence.org.uk/collaborative-working-champions/>

Constructing Excellence

The Constructing Excellence website is an excellent source of guidance and case studies from over ten years of practical application of Collaborative Working techniques. Members of Constructing Excellence have privileged access to a full set of how-to tools and training packages to support a change programme.

www.constructingexcellence.org.uk

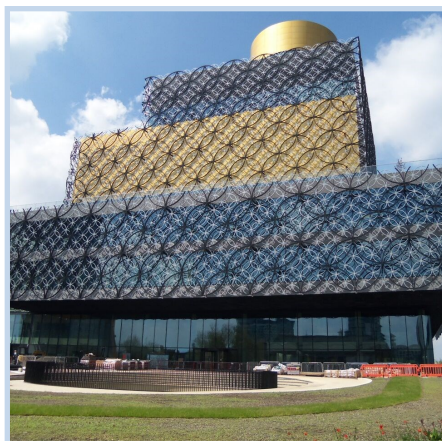
Constructing Excellence Regional Network and local Best Practice Clubs

This network is a valuable source of regional information and knowledge as well as networking opportunities with like-minded people from the sector who wish to explore Collaborative Working opportunities.

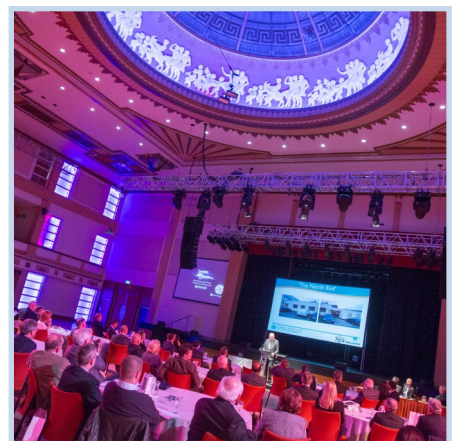
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