

May Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter. We've had a busy month with the launch of the RetroNetZero project we are collaborating on, the collaborative session between our Procurement and Innovation Exchange groups, our Digital By Default session with Leeds Beckett and a fascinating deep dive into Performance Measurement.

Lots of you have indicated interest across the industry but high interest rates and political uncertainty are delaying project starts in both the public and private sector. Last week's election announcement marks the beginning of the end of this period.

Whichever party ends up in power we very much encourage them to keep and strengthen the momentum around sustainability and net zero, fairer and better procurement practices, improving standards and productivity. Supporting investment in skills and training, technology and innovation in the sector will be vital as we face the multiple challenges of decarbonisation, changing climate and a growing skills shortage.

Please get involved in our upcoming activities and let us know if you have any ideas of how we can work together.





Best wishes,
Alison Nicholl
Head of Constructing Excellence

What We've Been Up To...



Procurement x Innovation Exchange: 'The Art of the Possible'

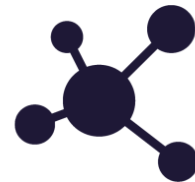
This month our Procurement and Innovation Exchange groups came together to explore the ways in which procurement can ignite innovation and unlock limitless possibilities. We were joined by:

- **Rebecca Rees**, who gave an overview of the recently published [Art of the Possible report](#) and discussed how the construction industry can harness the procurement act 2023 to deliver innovation.
- **Jeremy and Ross of 4C Consultancy** with case studies on how procurement has enabled innovation to thrive within other industries.

[Read more here.](#)

Digital By Default

On Thursday 16th May, the Digital By Default group held a webinar, alongside Leeds Beckett, on 'AI in Construction: An introduction to Costplan.ai', where we learned how BIM and AI have been harnessed to create this generative AI prototype web-platform – Costplan.ai – for predictive cost planning. A recording of this session will be released by the hosts soon, which we will share on our website shortly.



Performance Measurement

On Wednesday 29th May the Performance Measurement group met to explore what the industry needs to support organisations in accessing and effectively using metrics. The group decided upon some next steps which include creating guidance to enable construction to better apply KPIs. This will be shared on our website when finalised so watch this space.

Forthcoming Events

These meetings are open to national members of Constructing Excellence and invited guests. Contact helpdesk@constructingexcellence.org.uk for more detail.

Notable Dates

Climate Action Group

11th June 10:00am - 11:30am

Innovation Exchange

3rd July 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Digital by Default- Kier's Digital Twin Pathfinder Project

18th July 10:00am - 11:30am

Performance Measurement

24th July 9:30am - 11:00am

Climate Action Group

5th September 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Procurement Group

9th September 11:00am - 12:30pm

Access the full list of our upcoming events

News From Our Partners

BRE Manifesto 2024

In light of the recent election announcements, we would like to re-share [BRE's Manifesto for 2024](#), calling on the next Government to commit to world-leading standards for British buildings. BRE recommends that a new government strategy covers official, regulatory standards and government support for ambitious, beyond-regulatory-minimum, industry-led standards, and lays out plans for the research, development, delivery and leadership required to transform the standards of British buildings. Read the Manifesto in full [here](#).



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Infrastructure Assessor, equipping you with the knowledge to understand the assessment process and navigate the technical aspects of the scheme. [Learn more.](#)

New BRE Academy BIM Training Course Dates Available

We are pleased to announce that new BIM training dates have been scheduled in response to high demand. Our training is designed to equip learners with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively implement and manage the ISO 19650 series of standards, covering crucial aspects such as BIM terminology, principles, documentation, and digital transformation. [Find out more and reserve your place.](#)



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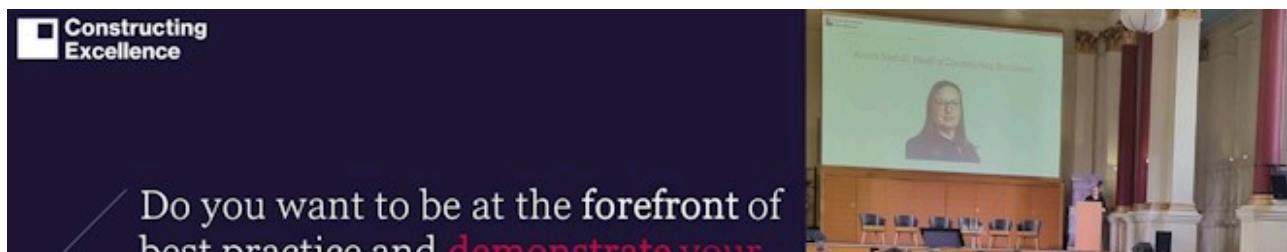
CE Midlands have produced their first three Best Practice Guides, focusing on a range of subjects currently affecting the industry. Read more [here](#).

SECBE

The Constructing Excellence SECBE Awards 2024 is approaching fast and we're looking forward to sharing the winners out of our 81 finalists! We are delighted to present our finalists and share their [stories and accomplishments](#).

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