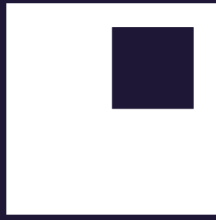


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Constructing Excellence

July Newsletter

Welcome

Hello and welcome to the July edition of the CE Newsletter. It's been a busy month as we reflect on a change in government and what that means for infrastructure, construction and the built environment - please contact [Antoinette Campbell](#) if you'd like to join our weekly policy updates and keep up to date on the changes that might impact you.

Crown Commercial Service became the [first framework provider to be verified](#) under our Constructing the Gold Standard scheme. Keep your eyes peeled in the next few weeks as more exceptional organisations get fully verified!

We're delighted to welcome [RechterTrax](#) as a new member and I am sure you will join us in welcoming them to the movement.

We have held many interesting group events this month, including a visit to British Offsite, Performance Measurement, a [Major Projects session](#) from Heathrow and an excellent insight from Kier and the Ministry of Justice on the value of Digital Twins.

As things quieten down in August, please get in touch to help us scope an insightful and impactful Autumn.



Best wishes,
Alison Nicholl
Head of Constructing Excellence

News & Insights

Constructing Excellence Gold Standard Verified

Crown Commercial Service becomes first public sector procurement organisation to achieve prestigious Constructing the Gold Standard Verification.

The [Constructing the Gold Standard Verification Scheme](#) was launched in November 2023 in partnership with King’s College London. It is an objective system for recognising and supporting framework providers and clients who adopt Gold Standard practices and contracts. The scheme assesses the claims made by framework providers and by clients who procure their own frameworks, and it provides a measure of quality for clients and industry organisations who use and bid for construction frameworks. [Read the full press release here.](#)

What We've Been Up To...



Major Projects: Delivering Projects in Complex Environments

Our Major Projects group were fortunate to hear from Alistair Awcock, Infrastructure Director at Heathrow, about the delivery of projects in complex environments. Heathrow has a good track record of delivering in a difficult operating environment, enabling Alistair to share tips and strategies with the group.

[Read more here.](#)

Innovation Exchange: Leveraging the Knowledge Base

On 3rd July the Innovation Exchange Group came together for a session on ‘Leveraging the Knowledge’.

A roundtable was held with members of industry and academia to explore how to build better links between the two in order to bring about innovation in construction.

[Click here to find out more.](#)



Constructing Excellence Sign an MoU with the CCLG

Both CE and [CCLG](#) share a vision for creating a better built environment. That can only be achieved through better alignment with clients and the supply chain to unlock improved productivity and better outcomes that will lead to a safer and more sustainable built environment that better serves society. [Read more here.](#)

Digital By Default: Kier's Digital Twin Project

Digital By Default Meet & Digital Twin Project

The Digital Group met to find out more about Kier's Digital Twin Pathfinder Project. The group were joined by James Franklin from Kier, Matthew Scard from MoJ and Lucas Cusack from Glider, who worked on the project and were able to share insight and lessons learned. More about this will be available on our website shortly so keep an eye out.



Performance Measurement

The Performance Measurement group met to continue their work on KPIs and how to use them effectively. Participants made plans to work on guidance that will be shared publicly around the use of metrics within construction. Watch this space.

Visit to British Offsite Horizon Factory

The Offsite Manufacturing & Technology Group were delighted to visit the British Offsite factory and find out more about how this advanced manufacturing facility can play a key role in our move to more productive, industrialised construction.

Set up in 2023, the 180,000 sq. ft factory is one of the most automated light gauge steel panel assembly lines in Europe and the largest single production line in the UK to date. Automation and productivity solutions are complemented by skilled operatives. Working together they have quadrupled production capacity to 10,000lm – the equivalent of 6,000 homes per year.

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

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

Procurement Group

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

Performance Measurement

18th September 9:30am - 11:00am

Digital By Default

19th September 10:00am - 11:30am

G4C Conference: Shaping the Future Now

26th September 10:00am - 3:30pm

Procurement Group

4th November 11:00am - 12:30am

Access the full list of our upcoming events

News From Our Partners

Become a Certified European Passive House Designer

Delivered by Strathclyde University, this course equips you with the skills and knowledge required to achieve the Certified European Passive House qualification and contribute to the design of residential Passive House projects.

The Certified European Passive House Designer course is aimed at architects and other design professionals with experience in energy-efficient design. It may also be suitable for professionals with an interest in building energy standards.

Upcoming virtual classroom course dates:

- 2nd - 6th September 2024 @ virtual classroom; exam date: 25th October 2024
- 27th - 31st January 2025 @ virtual classroom; exam date: 21st March 2025

[Find out more.](#)

SECBE: Join the Pledge

CoTrain, powered by SECBE, aims to create more apprenticeships in construction, by collaborating with partners to bring new apprenticeship placements to the region.

By joining the CoTrain pledge, organisations will gain a skilled workforce for projects, receive recognition as a company tackling sector issues, and become part of a group committed to change. If you are a company working in construction, we will help you find apprentices to meet your specific needs. [Sign up to CoTrain The Pledge](#) now and help build the future!

Constructing Excellence Midlands

CE Midlands is thrilled to announce the relaunch of their esteemed Diploma in Collaborative Construction, starting on 1st October 2024 with a face-to-face meeting in Nottingham. This unique 12-month online course, academically benchmarked by the University of Wales, is designed to develop current and future industry leaders through innovative, technology-led approaches.

Gain insight from leading industry experts in areas such as inclusive leadership, smart construction, lean continuous improvement, and more. For more information see the new [prospectus](#).

See also:

[Infrastructure Best Practice & Pipeline Opportunities](#)- 11th September

[Transformation through Progressive Innovation](#)- 24th September

[Construction Summit](#)- 15th October

IMechE Construction and Building Services Prize

This Prize is Awarded for a contribution to the art of engineering and science of building services and construction and is part of an Awards review taking place.

This annual prize is to be awarded to an individual or group that has been judged to have made a contribution in one or more of:

- Execution
- Promotion
- Advancement of the art of engineering and science of building services and construction

Applications/nominations welcome, take a look at the [IMechE website](#) for more.

Join Constructing Excellence

Constructing Excellence is a platform from which to stimulate, debate and drive much needed change in the Construction sector. Our thought leading members from the entire supply chain – clients, industry and users – share a vision for change through innovation and collaboration.



The graphic features the Constructing Excellence logo in the top left corner. The main text reads: "Engage with our strategic research partnerships to ensure solutions match your needs and can be widely adopted by industry." Below this is a QR code and the text "Join the Constructing Excellence movement today!". A photograph of a modern multi-story residential building with glass balconies is on the right side. At the bottom left, there is a small copyright notice: "© CONSTRUCTING EXCELLENCE 2023".

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