# **Constructing Excellence**

# November Newsletter

# Welcome

November has been a busy month for the Constructing Excellence Team with lots of theme group meetings, two organisations verified through the <u>Gold Standard scheme</u>, a reinvigoration of our National Members Steering Group and of course <u>our awards</u>. We are also delighted to welcome our newest members Pagabo to Constructing Excellence.

The <u>Procurement group</u> were delighted to be joined by Amanda Stubbs and Bola Abisogun OBE to discuss the digital requirements of the <u>Building Safety Act on procurement</u> – under the expert leadership of Rebecca Rees this group will be focussing on the Building Safety Act in 2025. The <u>Offsite Manufacturing & Technology Group</u> had a similar focus with a look at how the requirements of the Act and changes in building control will impact manufacturers and potentially make MMC a more attractive solution. The <u>Performance Measurement Group</u> are developing a white paper on the benefits of performance measurement, get in touch with the chair Simon Cross if you want to find out more. Rachel Heaton from GS1 gave the <u>Digital By Default group</u> great insight into how bar code technology is enabling digital construction. We also explored Energy Transition alongside John Fotherby and <u>ECI</u>. If you want to be added to the invite lists for any of our theme groups, <u>get in touch.</u>

I'm delighted that two organisations <u>CHIC</u> and <u>LHC</u> have achieved Constructing the Gold Standard Verification, this is a signal to clients and supply chain that these organisations have the processes and systems in place to enable best practice procurement. Now we have five organisations fully verified and more in the pipeline we are turning our attention to best practice and knowledge sharing – watch this space.

A huge thank you to all of you who joined us for the CE National Awards on 15 November, a brilliant evening that showcased how excellence is being implemented on projects large and small. A huge thanks to our sponsors NACF and <u>BRE Academy</u> and the team at CE North East for their excellent organisation. Of course a huge thank you to all of the winners, we look forward to working with you to help share how they achieved such success.

We would be ready for a quiet December, but with a packed diary and prep underway for our <u>annual</u> <u>conference</u> on 29 January there is no rest for the wicked! As ever always up for a chat if you have great ideas of how we can make Constructing Excellence better.



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Best wishes, Alison Nicholl *Head of Constructing Excellence* 

# **News & Insights**



#### **Constructing Excellence National Awards 2024**

The 18th National Constructing Excellence Awards took place on Friday 15th November and was a fantastic event! These Awards showcase excellence in the built environment across England and Wales, bringing together the regional winners from 13 different categories to celebrate the very best of the best. We were pleased to be able to celebrate the achievements of the 13 winners and 4 highly

commended projects.

To find out more about the winning organisations and projects visit our website.

# What We've Been Up To...



#### Procurement Group

On Monday 4th November, the Procurement Group met to discuss the Building Safety Act, with a specific focus on Dame Judith Hackitt's recommendations around Data, Contract Management and Procurement. Read more <u>here</u>.

### Offsite Manufacturing & Technology

On Monday 11th November, we held a session on the Building Safety Act, with input from Phil Henry, Genuit Group, Jim Cowell, Algeco, and Andrew Crooks, Stroma Building Control. The group explored how the Building Safety Act impacts modular/offsite manufacturers, particularly roles such as principal designer, contractor and more and how the BSA will influence contractual changes, stage 3 design checks, etc.





#### **Energy Transition Scoping Session**

On Tuesday 12th November, Constructing Excellence and ECI came together to explore Energy Transition.

Energy Transition is one of the most significant issues facing societies around the world. The need to decarbonise and move away from fossil fuels has never been greater and the rush to deliver projects is hugely challenging from a capacity and capability perspective. The group explored this and came up with some ideas about what we need in order to improve delivery at scale and pace for energy transition. <u>Find</u>

out more on Miro.

#### Performance Measurement Group

On Wednesday 13th November, the Performance Measurement Group came together to continue their work around metrics, KPIs and who uses what.

The group have been working on guidance for effective performance measurement and will be producing a document to share this with the wider Constructing Excellence movement so keep your eyes peeled!





#### **Climate Action Group**

On Thursday 14th November, the Climate Action group participated in a session on Construction Waste Management with input from the Construction Waste Portal and SmartWaste. More on this will be available on our website shortly.

#### **Digital By Default**

On Tuesday 19th November, the Digital By Default group were joined by Rachel Heaton at GS1 to learn more about barcode tracking technology.



#### New Constructing the Gold Standard Verified Organisations

We're delighted to announce that both CHIC and LHC Procurement Group have achieved Full Verification under the Constructing the Gold Standard Verification Scheme *b* Find out more about these organisations and hear what the Independent Verifiers that worked with each organisation had to say about the process...

Read more about CHIC. Read more about LHC.





# **Forthcoming Events**

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

#### **Notable Dates**

Energy Transition Scoping Session 2 16th January 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Procurement Group- January 20th January 11:00am - 12:30pm

**Constructing Excellence Conference 2025** 29th January

Performance Measurement- February 13th February 9:30am - 11:00am

Major Projects Group 27th February 10:00am - 11:30am

Procurement Group- March 17th March 11:00am - 12:30pm

Access the full list of our upcoming events

### **News From Our Partners**

#### Constructing Excellence Awards Programme 2025

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Each year the Constructing Excellence Awards are a celebration of everything the UK's Built Environment has to be proud of. The awards are designed to showcase how the Constructing Excellence principles are delivered in practice and crucially inspire others to embrace these principles.

Winners are selected through our regional awards programme to go forward to our national finals held every year in the autumn. We bring together a panel of expert judges with significant proven experience in driving and implementing innovation and positive change across the sector.

Our regional partners are now in the process of launching their awards for 2025. More information about opening/closing dates and ceremonies can be found on <u>our website</u>. We will be updating this regularly so keep an eye out for more.

# Awards 2025

#### **Construction Productivity Conference**

Constructing Excellence are pleased to be partnering on the Construction Productivity Conference, taking place on 28th January 2025. Find out more <u>here</u>.



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