



March Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the March issue of the Constructing Excellence Newsletter! 2025 is flying by!

You will notice below that we are [looking for a new co-chair](#) to join Jack in leading Generation4Change. I am sure you will join me in expressing a heartfelt thank you to Lydia McGuinness for her excellent leadership of G4C. She is a true role model for everyone in the construction sector, whose career progression, energy and ability to challenge the status quo in her own unique way is phenomenal.

We are delighted to welcome new members [Stellar Heavy Industries](#) and [E.ON Next](#) - lots of other exciting members in the pipeline so get in touch if you aren't already a member.

Lots of theme groups this month showcasing excellence and best practice including the [Innovation Exchange](#), now chaired by Sree Vinayak at Invennt, our Digital Group sharing insight into [research on tools to create trust in AI](#) (hopefully more to follow on that), Major Projects looking at where to focus to maximise productivity, Climate Action looking at the link between sustainability and social outcomes with input from HACT and colleagues at BRE, Procurement looking at [selection by value and the Value Toolkit](#). The list goes on! Ellie Jenkins ran a brilliant session on how to use the Value Toolkit - there is another session coming up on 7 April so [sign up to find out more](#). The ECI series on how we ensure that the next generation of energy transition projects embrace best practice and deliver better is taking shape. So much great stuff happening!

We are always keen to work with our members to focus on the areas that matter to you - [get in touch](#) if you want to talk through any ideas or suggestions.





Best wishes,
Alison Nicholl
Head of Constructing Excellence

News & Insights



A huge thank you to Lydia McGuinness for all of her energy and enthusiasm throughout her time as G4C National Co-Chair. I'm sure many of you will agree, it has been a pleasure working alongside her and we wish her all of the best for her future endeavours. We are now accepting applications for a new G4C Co-Chair, [find out more here](#).

Reflecting upon her time with G4C, Lydia said...

"After 8 incredible years with G4C, I've made the tough decision to step down from my role as National Co-Chair.

My journey with G4C started as a committee member, then progressed to Regional Chair, and ultimately to National Chair — it's been an unforgettable experience at every stage. G4C has been a huge part of my career, opening so many doors and allowing me to connect with amazing people across the industry. I've had the privilege of watching the network grow and evolve, and I'm so proud of what we've achieved together.

Beyond the professional opportunities, I've built friendships that I know will last a lifetime. While I'm stepping back from this role, I'll always be a passionate supporter of G4C and the future leaders it continues to inspire."

What We've Been Up To...



This month the Innovation Exchange group reconvened to hear from Roberts Mills, Whitby Wood, about Optoppen, an innovative new web app the company has developed, and Shubham Bajaj, Innvent, for an overview of how the R&D tax credits landscape has changed. [Read more here.](#)



Trusted and Responsible Data and Artificial Intelligence in Construction

On 12th March the Digital Group met to explore trustworthy and responsible data and AI within construction. We were fortunate to be joined by Joe Forde, BRE, who shared more information about the possibilities of AI in construction and Ilesh Dattani, Assentian, for more about the TRAMS Enterprise project. [Find out more.](#)

Value Toolkit Technical Drop In Session With Ellie Jenkins, Akerlof

We were delighted to host a technical drop in session with Ellie Jenkins, focussing on the Value Toolkit. This session gave more information about what it is, how it came about and how it can be used.

We will be hosting another deep dive on 7th April with Natalie Cropp, Tony Gee & Jeremy Galpin, Costain. [Sign up to join us.](#)



Major Projects Group

The Major Projects group met to explore where the group should focus its intentions to deliver the biggest impact. The group will use this information to create a plan for the rest of this year's sessions, so watch this space.

G4C: Next Gen Collaboration

We teamed up with G4C to deliver a session focusing on collaboration, specifically the actions the next generation of construction can take to improve collaboration across the industry.

We captured the ideas from this session on a Miro Board, [take a look here.](#)



Procurement Group: Selection By Value

On 17th March the Procurement Group came together for a session on 'Selection By Value' and the use of the Value Toolkit within the construction sector. The discussion focused on improving procurement practices and ensuring that building safety and long-term value are prioritised on projects. [Read more here.](#)

Climate Action Group

On 19th March, the Climate Action met to hear from Caroline Sprake, BRE, about the work of the BRE Housing Team and Antoine Pellet, HACT, about the Retrofit Credits Scheme. The session was very insightful and outputs will be available on our website shortly.



ECI: Energy Transition

We're working with ECI on a series of events exploring energy transition and what industry needs to deliver projects in this area successfully. This group are in the process of planning a face to face meeting for June, more information will be shared in due course.

Forthcoming Events

Constructing Excellence [events](#) provide National Members with CPD in partnership with [BRE Academy](#).

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

Performance Measurement Group – April

3rd April 9:30am - 11:00am

Value Toolkit Technical Drop In Session

7th April 10:30am - 12:00pm

Digital Group- Digitalisation of Reinforcing Steel

8th May 10:00am - 11:30am

Procurement Group

19th May 11:00am - 12:30pm

Climate Action Group

21st May 10:00am - 11:30am

Performance Measurement Group- June

5th June 9:30am - 11:00am

[Access the full list of our upcoming events](#)

News From Our Partners

BRE Responds to the Chancellor's Spring Statement 2025

Following the Chancellor's Spring statement, BRE's Managing Director, Building Performance Services & Deputy CEO, Jane Goddard, commented:

“BRE welcomes the Government's recognition that building more housing must be underpinned by investments in growing a skilled workforce.

“Plans to train 60,000 more construction workers by 2029 represents an integral step to addressing current skill shortages which have exacerbated the housing crisis. The training will also support sector productivity and ultimately boost economic growth.

“As part of the new Construction Skills Mission Board, it will be vital for industry and government to ensure the creation of Technical Excellence Colleges and Skills Bootcamps to help to identify future skills and roles that will be pivotal to ensuring a sustainable, future-proofed housing supply.

“BRE looks forward contributing to the success of these programmes and delivering on its purpose to develop science-led solutions that address the most pressing challenges in the built environment.”

Join the G4C Network

G4C is a fantastic opportunity for young people across construction to connect, challenge and help shape the future of the industry. It provides a unique environment to find camaraderie, share ideas and access a platform to be heard.

We would like to extend an invite for all of our members to encourage the young professionals from not only their organisations, but from across their entire supply chain, to get involved and make the most of this opportunity to be at the forefront of innovative industry thinking and best practice in the sector.

[Find out more.](#)



CE Midlands Partnership with West Midlands Combined Authority

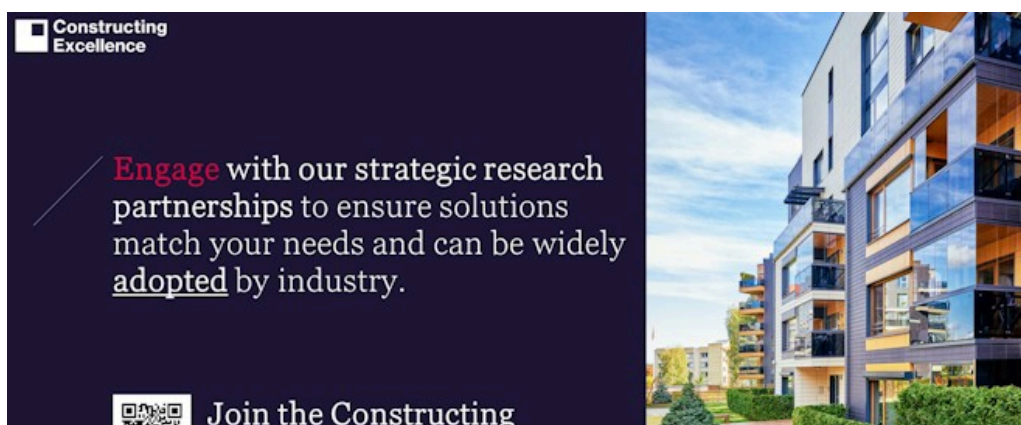
Constructing Excellence Midlands (CEM) has initiated a promising new partnership with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) aimed at accelerating regional housing and infrastructure delivery. Following productive discussions and an initial proposal, including recent engagement with WMCA representative Ian Martin, plans are underway for a detailed project proposal to be presented soon.

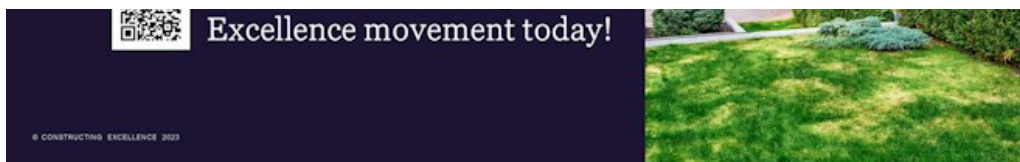
The proposed pilot will focus on addressing persistent barriers within the planning and delivery phases of regional housing projects, incorporating enhanced social value outcomes and innovative procurement methods. More information will be available as the pilot progresses.

Join Constructing Excellence

Joining Constructing Excellence will expose you and your company to a collaborative and innovative culture that is leading the movement of creating a better built environment. You will have access to a wide selection of events focusing on Climate Action, Procurement, Digital, Offsite Manufacturing & Technology, Innovation, Major Projects and Performance Measurement to latest news and insight from the industry. There's no better time to join then now!

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