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ACEI Newsletter - 24 February 2022

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ACEI Office Arrangements

Following the publication of new government guidelines on phasing back into the workplace, we are pleased to advise that the ACEI office is now open three days a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Members are welcome to book meeting rooms on those days by phone 01-6425588 or email info@acei.ie. The Executive Board and Secretariat wish all members well as employees transition back to offices and hybrid working arrangements.

ACEI Future Leader Award 2022

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 ACEI Future Leader Award. Further information and nomination details are available on the [ACEI Website](#). The closing date is Friday 14 March 2022, and all suitably qualified engineers aged 35 or under are encouraged to apply. Please pass on the details to relevant colleagues in your firm.

ACEI 2022 Project Nominations and Awards Dinner

The deadline for project nominations to the 2022 Engineering Excellence Awards is close of business on 28 February 2022. The award winners will be announced at the annual gala dinner, rescheduled to 2 September 2022. Further information will be provided after shortlisting takes place.

ACEI 2022 Directory and Review

The ACEI 2022 Directory & Review has now been posted to FConsEI and RConsEI members. Many thanks to those who provided contributions. We hope you enjoy all the features, particularly those covering the winners of last year's awards. The Directory is also available on the [ACEI Website](#).

ACEI Annual General Meeting

Nominations are now being accepted for the ACEI Executive Board 2022-23. Candidates for election must be nominated in writing by two ACEI FConsEI and provided to info@acei.ie by 5pm, 10 March 2022. The [nominations](#) will be presented to the ACEI Annual General Meeting (AGM) planned for 11:30 - 13:00 on Friday 25 March 2022. The AGM will be virtual, via Teams.

'Housing Unlocked' Competition

The [Irish Architecture Foundation](#) (IAF) and [The Housing Agency](#) have announced details of a competition, 'Housing Unlocked' that is seeking innovative ideas to improve Ireland's housing sector. This initiative calls for architects, engineers and others to team up and submit ideas to solve housing issues in Ireland's cities, towns and villages. Every team that applies must include at least one member with a qualification in architecture. A jury of high-profile judges will select around eight submissions which will each receive funding of €7,500 to develop their proposals into an exhibition piece. The closing date is 24 April 2022.

World Engineering Day 4 March 2022

This year's World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development is taking place next week on 4 March 2022. One of the many events planned is a 24 hour live studio produced broadcast. Starting in Australia and ending in Costa Rica, the programme will follow [World Engineering Day 2022](#) around the globe, to see how engineers worldwide are celebrating, and being recognised for, their great work.

New Code of Practice for Tendering

The Liaison Committee for the Construction Industry has recently published a new [Code of Practice for Tendering](#). This edition is a revision to the 2006 and 2018 versions and includes significant additions and detailed explanations of key subject areas, updates for legislative amendments and a more comprehensive set of appendices. All of the revisions will help to guide those involved in the Irish built environment sector through the tendering process for private works in Ireland. A digital version of the Code of Practice has been made available in the [FConsEI/RConsEI Member Area](#) of the ACEI website.

ACEI Summit on Pledge to Net Zero

Members are now invited to register for a virtual [PTNZ Summit](#) on 2 March with keynote speaker Marie Donnelly, Chair of the Climate Change Advisory Council. Please pass this invitation on to your colleagues and 'save the date'. We hope that many ACEI members will participate in this important event to continue the development of the association's PTNZ commitment in line with science-based targets. For further information about how to start your firm's Pledge to Net Zero journey, visit the dedicated page on the [ACEI website](#).

PSDP and Graduate Development Course

There are still places available on the two day virtual **PSDP** (Project Supervisor Design Process) Course on 30 March and 6 April. A bespoke **Graduate Development Course** planned for May and June is also now open for bookings on the [CPD & Training](#) area of the ACEI website.

OGP Revision of PII Guidelines

The Office of Government Procurement has recently published [revised guidelines](#) on Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII). The new PII guidelines and the commitment to introduce liability caps are good news for ACEI member firms. Great credit and thanks are due to the ACEI / Engineers Ireland Risk / PII / Procurement Committee and Executive Board members for their continuing engagement with the OGP and other government departments, to advocate on PII and related matters on behalf of members.

Recent Good News

- ACEI Member firm Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions was featured in a recent edition of [reNEWS.BIZ](#). The firm is involved in an SEAI funded project led by UCD in partnership with TCD, NUIG, UCC and MTU. The three year WindLEDeRR project aims to develop 'a comprehensive decision-making tool for end-of-life turbines in Ireland, examining lifetime extension, anomaly detection, fatigue assessment, repurposing and sustainable decommissioning.'

EU Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities

As part of the Horizon Europe programme, the EU has launched a [Mission](#) "100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030". The objectives of the mission are to achieve 100 climate-neutral and smart European cities by 2030 and to ensure that these cities act as experimentation and innovation hubs to enable all European cities to follow suit by 2050. The associated programme 'NetZeroCities' will assist cities to overcome the current structural, institutional and cultural barriers they face in order to achieve climate neutrality by 2030.

FIDIC CEO Update

The February edition of the FIDIC [CEO's update](#) is now available. Highlighted in this issue is the newly established FIDIC Global Leadership Forum Advisory Board. This Board will establish working groups to deliberate on key topics and produce thought leadership papers to enhance FIDIC's global advocacy and public engagement agenda. This will enable the Global Leadership Forum, which is supported by more than 100 CEOs from around the world, to play a key role in helping FIDIC address key global challenges and create a united, influential, international voice for the infrastructure sector.

FIDIC also has sent a reminder regarding nominations to its Board. Any ACEI member interested in being nominated should contact info@acei.ie, before 12 March for further details about the process.

The Importance of Empathy in Leadership

In a recent [Forbes article](#), Tracey Brower discusses the research indicating that empathy is the most important leadership skill. She notes that 'great leadership requires a fine mix of all kinds of skills to create the conditions for engagement, happiness and performance, and empathy tops the list of what leaders must get right ... [in order to] ... contribute to positive experiences for individuals and teams.'