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Information and Advice for ACEI Members

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ACEI Documents Survey

Members are reminded that the ACEI Executive Board is currently conducting a survey to determine if ACEI published documents are being used and / or need updating. Thanks to those who have already completed this [short survey](#), others are requested to please respond before 5pm tomorrow, Friday 11 November.

ACEI Correspondence to Local Authorities

Two letters were recently sent out by ACEI to local authorities on behalf of members. The first, to Limerick City and County Council ([LCCC](#)) addressed concerns relating a tender requirement that has been introduced for full time secondment of staff to work in LCCC's office and be available to council staff for two years e.g. ref August 2022 LCCC Active Travel Public Project via eTenders.

The second letter, to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, ([DLRCC](#)) was in relation to its Taking in Charge Development Standards: Certificates of Compliance. ACEI continues to engage with public clients on a regular basis, feedback regarding public procurement processes is welcome from members.

ACEI Secretary General Panel Member at Build Digital Conference

ACEI Secretary General, Sarah Ingle participated in an industry panel at the first [Build Digital](#) Conference that took place in Dublin on 26 October. An opening address by Minister Michael McGrath, DPER, set the scene, speaking about how the Build Digital Project aims to transform the Irish construction and built environment sectors. The [five pillars](#) of the project will enable all stakeholders, particularly SMEs, clients, and suppliers, to develop, maintain, and continuously improve their capabilities as digitally enabled, standards-based, agile, collaborative, and sustainable participants in the delivery of Project Ireland 2040. During this successful hybrid event, feedback was provided from the industry in relation to its digital needs arising from responses to the recent build digital survey.

Build with Wood Conference

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Coillte are hosting a conference entitled: *Build With Wood - The Pathway to Net Zero*. Participating in this inaugural conference will be leading experts, policymakers, and practitioners who will discuss the latest innovations in the field of timber design and innovation. The construction, regulatory and scientific communities will come together to explore opportunities to decarbonise the built environment in support of Ireland's climate targets. The event takes place on 23rd November 2022 in the Avondale Forest Park, Co. Wicklow. Further information and [registration details](#) are now available.

DataCentres Ireland Exhibition and Conference

ACEI members are invited to register for a complimentary invitation to [DataCentres Ireland Exhibition & Conference](#) being held on 16 – 17 November 2022 at the RDS, Dublin 4. This year's event is the largest in its history with more speakers, more exhibitors, and more solutions on display than ever before. Also on offer is a free CPD accredited programme of workshops, addressing a number of topics including Fire Damping, Security and Ark Flashover.

New Director General in Engineers Ireland

ACEI congratulates Damien Owens on his recent appointment as [Director General](#) of Engineers Ireland. The association looks forward to continuing working with Damien and President John Power on mutual matters of importance to consulting engineers and all working in the built environment sector.

EFCA Newsletter

The October 2022 edition of the [EFCA Newsletter](#) has been published. Director General Sue Arundale notes that EFCA is currently finalising its policy paper "Delivering a resilient, green and digital built environment: Manifesto from European Engineering Consultancies for 2030 and beyond". In this paper it is explained how consulting engineers are supporting the EU policy agenda in a number of areas and recommendations are made for improving the existing regulatory framework for the built environment. Information on EFCA activities and links to EU and other relevant reports are also provided in this edition of the newsletter. Upcoming events and meetings are available to view on the [EFCA website](#).

FIDIC Workshop Risk Management for Engineers

Members are welcome to register at a discounted rate for an upcoming FIDIC Course, 'Introduction to Decision Risk Management for Engineers'. This online course is aimed at engineering, consulting and other professionals who practice and operate in consulting engineering environments and seek to build their knowledge in the risk management field. Book your place now for 14 December 2022, 1.00pm – 3.30pm Irish time. The normal price is €120, the ACEI discounted price is €100 using the coupon code: SLX0MHLj. Further information and registration details are available [HERE](#).

Creating a Circular System for the Built Environment

As [COP27](#) begins this week, it is important to note that the built environment sector is a huge consumer of cement, aluminium, steel, and plastic, four of the five materials which account for 55% of the world's industrial carbon emissions. All involved in the industry need to address reducing these emissions by a variety of means, including embracing the principles of a circular economy.

To achieve a net zero transition, it will be necessary to strengthen the supply of and access to 'circular material' on a global scale. In a [recent article](#), circular material is defined as that which is pre-used, low or/zero-carbon, recyclable or recycled.

Recent Good News

- Further accolades are due to Danny Ahern of member firm **Roughan & O'Donovan**. In May this year, Danny cycled 750km from Malin Head to Mizen Head, raising over €2,000 for the charity [Cycle Against Suicide](#). Daniel was back in the saddle in September, completing a [coast-to-coast cycle](#) from Dublin to Galway on behalf of the charity.
- **O'Connor Sutton Cronin** provided the Structural Design for the RC bases on the Slieve Guillion Forest Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty. The overall project by Tandem Design has been shortlisted in the Collaboration category of the 2022 [IDI Awards](#).
- Congratulations to Rachel McKenna, Associate Director in **Axiseng**, in relation to the Dockline project which has been shortlisted in the [Towards Net Zero Ireland Construction Awards](#).
- Well done to ACEI Vice-President Anne Marie Conibear of **J.B.Barry & Partners**. Anne Marie was a member of an expert panel at the recent [Enterprise Ireland](#) sponsored Conference with International Financial Institutions (IFI). During the event Anne Marie shared an Irish industry perspective on how to win and deliver IFI projects.

How Civil Engineers Improve Lives

In the UK 2 November 2022 was noted as National Engineering Day and focused this year on showcasing how engineering improves lives. The aim was to attract public and media attention, sparking a conversation about what engineering really looks like and to help change public perceptions of the profession. In a blog post that day, the Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) noted that on its website it has profiled hundreds of projects to showcase the work of civil engineers, to illustrate what a vital and varied job civil engineering is. Included in the post by Anh Nguyen are six ways [Civil Engineers improve lives](#), many ACEI member firms will certainly resonate with these.

Phrases to Use More Often in the Workplace

Katie Burke, Chief People Officer in Hubspot suggests [five phrases](#) that could be used more often by leaders and managers to demonstrate empathy, humility, and transparency:

1. Let's cancel this meeting.
2. What can I do to support you right now?
3. I really appreciate you.
4. I'm rethinking my position on this.
5. Here's what I learned from my mistake.