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Information and Advice for ACEI Members

ACEI Work Arrangements

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Covid-19 Updates

- [ACEI](#)
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Online Resources

- [HSE](#)
- [Revenue](#)
- [Institute of Public Health](#)
- [Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection](#)
- [Health & Safety Authority](#)
- [World Health Organisation](#)
- [Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [Health Protection Surveillance Centre](#)
- [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#)

ACEI Member Survey: Q2 and Q3 Business Impact

All FConSEI members in ACEI member firms were recently requested to complete a follow up survey in relation to the business impact of the pandemic during Q2 and Q3. Please ensure that one person completes the short survey on behalf of your firm by close of business on Friday 10 July. To receive the survey again email: info@acei.ie.

G&A 'Brave New World' Publication

Insurance firm Griffiths & Armour (G&A), is pleased to make available to ACEI members its new publication, [Brave New World - Navigating Future Challenges](#). The report was produced following G&A hosted meetings in Q1 2020 with a broad range of client representatives from across the built environment sector, to explore perspectives on important commercial and environmental questions for the industry.

Future editions of *Brave New World* can be obtained by directly contacting G&A Director, [Graeme Tinney](#).

NSAI Requests Feedback on IS EN ISO19650-2:2018

The National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) has published a [Draft National Annex to IS EN ISO19650-2:2018](#): Organisation and digitisation of information about buildings and civil engineering works, including Building Information Modelling (BIM) - Information management using BIM - Part 2: Delivery phase of assets.

This annex specifies information management requirements, in the context of delivery phases of assets and BIM information exchanges. The consultation deadline is 7 August 2020.

IGBC Renovation Solutions Webinar Series

The Irish Green Building Council (IGBC) is currently running a webinar series that aims to address renovation problems and provide solutions for insulation, ventilation and retrofit. The series is sponsored by Ecological Building Systems and the ESB and runs until 5 August. Further information and registration details are provided on the [IGBC website](#).

ICE UK Calls for Systemic Change to Infrastructure Delivery

In its [2020 State of the Nation: Infrastructure and the 2050 Net-Zero Target](#), the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) advises that "a systemic and wholesale change to the procurement and delivery of infrastructure across the UK is needed".

Keith Howells, ICE Vice President and State of the Nation Steering Group Chair, [notes that](#): *"The climate emergency and net zero transition present an unprecedented challenge for engineers to solve. We have a critical role and responsibility to do all we can to aid society in this important transformation, but we need a supportive environment that empowers us, and influences users' behaviours. The pandemic provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to recalibrate the economy and create systemic and wholesale change to the infrastructure ecosystem. Our report outlines how, through collaboration and change, we can plan, build and operate infrastructure that meets the needs of the future."*

Webinar: How to Learn Faster for Professional Productivity

Using a research based framework, a free webinar by Dr Raman Attri on 18 July proposes to reveal unseen tips and powerful techniques for faster learning. Dr Attri is a leading authority on 'speeding up expertise' in personal, professional and organisational settings. Further information and registration details are available on [Eventbrite](#).

Benefits of Very Short Meetings.

Organisational psychologist Steven Rogelberg outlines in a [recent piece](#) how short meetings of 10 to 15 minutes can have major positive outcomes. These advantages include team bonding, keeping projects focused, avoiding misunderstandings and decreasing unproductive conversation.

Recent Good News

- The Irish Institute of Digital Business at Dublin City University (DCU) has been awarded business research leadership of a €4.8m EU project, *Rinno*, that aims to triple the rate of [renovation of inefficient buildings](#) across Europe.
- Scientists in a chemical firm, *Carbios*, have discovered a [mutant bacterial enzyme](#) that quickly breaks down old plastic bottles for recycling into new, high-quality plastic. It is hoped to achieve industrial-scale recycling within five years.
- Research funded by Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) will examine why some people are [more susceptible to Covid-19](#) than others. Three leading immunologists from Trinity College Dublin will be involved in the research which has been awarded funding of €4.8m from SFI for the project.
- In a recent [Harvard Business Review](#) Article Peter Bergman outlines the benefits of relaxing the demands on your time, your thinking, and your relationships.
- In response to the UK Prime Minister's *Build Build Build* speech, ACE CEO [Hannah Vickers](#) calls on the government to provide clarity on building and infrastructure projects.

Book Review by Ron Immink: Drawdown

ACEI Conference speaker, [Ron Immink](#) reviews *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*, edited by Paul Hawken.

In [Ron's review](#) he notes: *"Of all the books I have read about climate change, this is the best. It made me realise how shameful we are behaving as a civilisation ... Where "Drawdown" really shines, apart from highlighting the waste, are the 90 solutions they list. Solar, wind, geothermal (100 billion times more than current world energy consumption, 24/7/365), wave, biomass, cooking technology, LED, city planning transport, materials and land use."*