

A note to readers



The Election is on us and this is likely to be our last Newsletter before the next election, now called for 6th May. In anticipation of this, WMCCE in association with partners ran a Parliamentary Special Question Time, more on which can be read below. The intent was to raise the profile of our construction industry with politicians and also to discover just a little about what each party might be planning. It was a worthwhile event and highlighted the concerns that senior members of our industry have for the future.

Celebrating Construction is only a matter of weeks away, and if you have still to obtain tickets for it, you will have to be quick as they have been selling fast! What better opportunity to get together with approaching 1,000 other members of our industry for an evening to celebrate some of the successes of the industry in the West Midlands.

Finally, I am stepping down as WMCCE Executive Director at the end of April and Phil Wilson will be taking over. Having seen WMCCE grow over the past 3½ years into something very different to what it was, I have great confidence that under Phil's helm, WMCCE will continue that growth to meet the needs of the industry.

[Michael Thompson](#)
WMCCE Executive
Director



Latest Projects: Discover projects in the early planning stages and new contracts signed etc from the region

Follow the link below to see current and previous reports:



Upcoming Events

Resource Efficiency & Environmental Management Systems

When: 20 April 2010

Where: Telford

Business Link WM has developed a series of breakfast workshops to provide businesses with practical advice to help reduce costs... [more](#)

Birmingham Local Association - Building Schools for the Future

When: 20 April 2010

Where: Birmingham

The new Smith's Wood Sports College opened in Sept 2009 as part of the Government's flagship... [more](#)

KPI Benchmarking Forum

When: 21 April 2010

Where: Hotel Du Vin, Birmingham

This FREE event is a follow on to the KPI database launch held in November last year. We would encourage you to...

Constructing Excellence Awards



This is an event NOT to be missed!

Tickets for the Celebrating Construction 2010 ceremony, which will be held at the ICC, Birmingham on Friday 30th April are rapidly selling out.

To avoid disappointment please reserve your table [now!](#)

College Campus blossoms with site-based training and learning



WMCCE is supporting a unique construction site-based training initiative to improve the skills of the workforce and promote career opportunities within the industry by enabling pupils to put their academic knowledge into valuable... [more](#)

Election Special Question Time debate



On the 17th March the leading professional bodies and trade association in the construction industry staged an Election Special Question Time at Arup Campus in Solihull. [more](#)

Sustainable Built Environment Forum



Launched in January 2010 the Sustainable Built Environment Forum has its second meeting on 14th April 2010 that brings together a group of interested parties gathered from...[more](#)

WMCCE staff news



As indicated above Michael Thompson steps down as Executive Director on May 1st and is replaced by Phil Wilson who is currently Operations Director. [more](#)

Olympic success



West Midlands companies continue to proving highly successful in winning Olympics and related business through the CompeteFor procurement system.

During March, twelve tender awards have been... [more](#)

1200 graduate placements for businesses in the West Midlands



Funding is now available (until September 2010) to West Midlands SMEs for graduate placements to help businesses get the best from a graduate intern and prepare for the upturn.

Support includes a free recruitment service to 'match' your business with the right graduate, a bursary to help... [more](#)

The Technology Strategy Board competition programmes



The Technology Strategy Board (TSB) drives innovation through the organisation and sponsorship of various competition programmes. The TSB and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural...[more](#)

Business Environmental Support Scheme for Telford



BESST offers a free service to all local businesses, focusing in particular on resource efficiency. Our role is to assist businesses to improve their...[more](#)

Introduction to AutoCAD 2009 3D

When: 22 April 2010

Where: University of Wolverhampton

The aim of this course is to teach users the fundamental concepts and workflows for creating 3D... [more](#)

Sustainable refurbishment of the UK building stock

When: 22 April 2010

Where: Stoke on Trent

To assist individuals deal with the challenges relating to the reducing carbon emissions in the...[more](#)

Value Management Masterclass

When: 26 April 2010

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham

A two-day Master Class for the region's project professionals to improve their skills in problem solving, decision making and... [more](#)

Introduction to AutoCAD Architecture

When: 29 April 2010

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham

Learn about the workflows and basic skills needed to create and modify 2D design and construction documents with... [more](#)

Making Sustainability Work for Your Company

When: 29 April 2010

Where: Worcester

HAWCE is delighted to have secured for this event the support of three prominent manufacturers, installers and consultants involved in... [more](#)



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