

A note to readers



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The Election has come and gone with rather more excitement than might have been expected, and the nation is now having to face up to the reality of difficult times ahead of us, to reduce the national debt. There is still a great deal of uncertainty as to how this will be achieved, but for those of us in the Construction Industry, we will remind ourselves of the L.E.K. Consulting report for the UK Contractors Group late last year on Construction in the UK Economy. This report made it very clear that for every £1 invested in construction £2.84 is generated in total economic activity, setting the industry as an important one to help the national economy.

Regardless of what happens, it is still important that those working in the Construction Industry, whether large, medium or small, become more efficient in their working and more competitive for the future, providing "more for less".

WMCCE is well placed to help the industry in the West Midlands to improve what it does, whether supported by public funding or not, to drive forward Best Practice and the Constructing Excellence principles. We can help clients to realise what they really need, innovatively, sustainably and through Best Value. Let us prepare for the future together!

Upcoming Events

Delivering Quality Cities: A view from downunder

When: 22 June 2010

Where: BCU School of Architecture

A free lunchtime lecture on how towns and cities in Australia and New Zealand are resolving urban... [more](#)

Best Practice in Adapting Schools to Climate Change

When: 24 June 2010

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham

The Climate is changing and it is vital to the education of our children and grandchildren that we... [more](#)

Health, Safety & Welfare Update 2010

When: 24 June 2010

Where: Maple House, Birmingham

An opportunity to get updated on the latest Health and Safety legislation affecting the construction sector and to hear from industry... [more](#)

Building Regulations Part L - The Changes Explained

When: 24 June 2010

Where: Sandwell Council House

In April 2010 the Building Regulations Part L were amended with significant impact on building design and construction... [more](#)

Making sense of waste infrastructure planning

When: 24 June 2010

Where: Austin Court, Birmingham

WMCCE Launches Best Practice 'Tick' Campaign



Celebrating Construction 2010 and the West Midlands Constructing Excellence Awards saw the launch of the WMCCE Best Practice Campaign, symbolised by a red 'tick'. [more](#)

Youth construction charity awarded cash thanks to WMCCE



The organisers of an award ceremony which aims to highlight best practice and excellence in the West Midlands construction industry, showed their... [more](#)

Can late payment of invoices destroy a business?



WMCCE runs a monthly Question & Answer Feature with the Birmingham Post newspaper, where a panel of industry specialists give their opinions... [more](#)

WMCCE starts work on 2nd Supply Chain initiative with FIIS programme

Following the success from last year, when nearly 40 local SMEs went through their Construction Commitment readiness training workshops in order to... [more](#)



Looking for more Demonstration Projects in the West Midlands!



WMCCE is now nearly half way through its current Demonstration Programme of 30 projects, but is looking for more project teams who are prepared to... [more](#)

New Birmingham offices rewarded for innovation



Award winning contractor, Thomas Vale Construction, is pleased to announce their flagship project - new Birmingham City Council offices in Woodcock Street, Aston - has been awarded exemplar... [more](#)

Stepnell Scoop Prestigious Construction Award



A Warwickshire based building contractor, has been honoured in the 2010 regional constructing excellence awards for a project that demonstrates its dedication to training and development. [more](#)

WMCCE Supports the Coventry City Council BSF Programme



The 'Meet The Bidder' event was held at the Council Offices in Coventry on the 25th May 2010. There are 2 preferred bidders in the spotlight; BAM Construction and CP4L... [more](#)

Success at the Alumet Sustainability Open Day



On the 4th of June around 250 guests and members of the public attended Alumet's Sustainability Open Day in Southam, Warwickshire. On what turned out to be... [more](#)

Young Builder of the Year Awards 2010



2010 will be the eleventh year of the Young Builder of the Year Awards, which have grown from strength to strength since inception. Each year they have received... [more](#)

By 2020, the West Midlands will be producing nearly 4 million tonnes more waste than we will... [more](#)

Getting Your Contract Right

When: 25 June 2010

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham

Getting the business fundamentals right is the key to profit. This course, delivered over 2 days at WMCCE and your premises, will cover... [more](#)

Health and Safety Training Programme

When: 28 June 2010

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham

This two-day course will cover a general overview of Health & Safety, Risk Assessments, Legislation, Asbestos Awareness and... [more](#)

Jordan, Lebanon and Syria Inward Mission

When: 28 June 2010

Where: London & Midlands

UK Trade & Investment is organising an inward mission from Jordan, Lebanon and Syria in June 2010, focusing on the construction... [more](#)

Sustainability through Planning 2010

When: 1 July 2010

Where: Telford

A one day workshop to explore the successful use of BREEAM and the CSH requirements within local planning policy. Sustainable... [more](#)

Retrofit - Good as New

When: 2 July 2010

Where: Birmingham Council House

Retrofit might feel like a second rate option, but the results can be as awe inspiring as any new build... [more](#)



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