

A note to readers



Welcome to the May edition of the WMCCE Newsletter and my first as Executive Director of WMCCE.

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute on a personal level and also on behalf of the staff and Board Members of WMCCE for the stewardship and inspiration provided by my predecessor Michael Thompson. Michael "retired" on 30th April but I am pleased to say he is staying on with WMCCE in a part time advisory capacity; he is also of course currently ICE West Midlands Chairman so his expertise will not be lost to the region!

This newsletter focuses on the Celebrating Construction event on 30th April, held in conjunction with CIOB and Birmingham City Council and again this proved a highly successful showcase for the industry in the region. In particular, we feature the winners of the Regional Constructing Excellence Awards. Congratulations to Balfour Beatty - The Birmingham New Hospitals Project, BAM Nuttall Ltd, Linford Building Limited, Rider Levett Bucknall, Stepnell Ltd and Willmott Dixon Construction. These now go forward to the national Awards in October.

Breaking News: The coalition government has announced the new recently appointed Construction Minister. [who?](#)

[Phil Wilson](#)
WMCCE Executive
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Constructing Excellence 2010 Winners

Integration & Collaborative Working Award 2010



The finalists for this category included Alumet Systems (UK) Ltd, Mansell Construction Services Ltd, Skanska – Walsall JV and Stepnell Ltd.

The winner for the Integration and Collaborative Working Award was Stepnell Ltd. [more](#)

Leadership in People Development Award 2010



The finalists for this category included Rider Levett Bucknall, The Sandwell Decent Homes Partnership, Skanska - Walsall JV and West Mercia Housing Group

The winner for the Leadership in People Development Award was Rider Levett Bucknall. [more](#)

Health & Safety Award 2010

Upcoming Events

Health & Safety as Supply Chain Glue

When: 27 May 2010

Where: Stourbridge College

To address this issue, Mansell have launched the Zero Harm philosophy, which aims to achieve zero fatalities, zero injuries to the public... [more](#)

Site Inspections: Are you fit for the...

When: 27 May 2010

Where: RegenWM, Birmingham

Inspecting building works covering what to inspect, when to inspect, tools needed, contractual issues, inspection v supervision... [more](#)

Low Carbon & Renewable Energy in the Construction Sector

When: 4 June 2010

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham

WMCCE and Encraft can offer any eligible SMEs a 2 day work shop on renewable energy and low carbon initiatives... [more](#)

Fair Payment Workshop

When: 4 June 2010

Where: Austin Court, Birmingham

This free seminar will provide you with an opportunity to hear about a number of best practice solutions you should adopt which will... [more](#)

Resource Efficiency & Environmental Management Systems

When: 8 June 2010

Where: Bethel Convention Centre



The finalists for this category included Birmingham New Hospitals Project (Balfour Beatty), Kier Stoke, Mansell Construction Services Ltd and Skanska - Walsall JV.

The winner for the Health and Safety Award was Balfour Beatty - The Birmingham New Hospitals Project. [more](#)

Sustainability Award 2010



The finalists for this category included Cundall, NG Bailey Ltd, Willmott Dixon Construction and WSP UK.

The winner for the Sustainability Award was Willmott Dixon Construction. [more](#)

Innovation Award 2010



The finalists for this category included Filon Products Limited, Linford Building Limited and Fleming Construction UK.

The winner for the Innovation Award was Linford Building Limited. [more](#)

Project of the Year Award 2010



The winning project team will have shown the highest level of technical achievement, innovation and application of best practice.

Applications were received from [14 projects](#) and the winner for the Project of the Year Award was BAM Nuttall Ltd. [more](#)

General News

WMCCE launches Best Practice Campaign



WMCCE launched the Driving Best Practice campaign at the annual West Midlands Constructing Excellence Awards on 30th April 2010, in the presence of...[more](#)

WMCCE achieves its target of 127 Business Assists



The Business Improvement Programme completed the year end at 31st March with all of its targets being achieved – 127 business assists were claimed...[more](#)

New construction minister revealed

series of breakfast workshops to provide businesses with practical advice to help reduce costs and optimise their utilisation of... [more](#)

Design of Structures to Eurocodes

When: 15 June 2010

Where: Wolverhampton Science Park

This course is designed for civil/structural engineers particularly those involved in design of building structures. It introduces the complete series in the Eurocodes. [more](#)

Low Carbon Homes

When: 15 June 2010

Where: Millennium Point, Birmingham

The construction industry has witnessed a significant rise in the use of Structural Insulated Panel (SIP) technology for the erection of both residential and... [more](#)

Architectural Design: Confident & Contemporary

When: 24 June 2010

Where: RegenWM, Birmingham

The current state of architectural design theory and how it has changed recently. A refresher providing confidence about contemporary design as well... [more](#)

Health, Safety & Welfare Update 2010

When: 24 June 2010

Where: Maple House, Birmingham

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

Building Regulations Part L - The Changes Explained

When: 24 June 2010

Where: tbc

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

Getting Your Contract Right

When: 25 June 2010

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham



Tory MP Mark Prisk is to be given ministerial responsibility for the construction industry, it is understood. Prisk, who as an opposition MP was shadow construction minister...[more](#)

Sustainable Built Environment Forum Meeting



A second meeting of the West Midlands Sustainable Built Environment Forum was held on 14th April 2010 which was well attended. The Forum's...[more](#)

Construction community gives make over to young boy's home



The home of a disabled young resident of Walsall has been made more accommodating to his special needs by contractors and suppliers based in the West... [more](#)

The Technology Strategy Board competitions



The Technology Strategy Board has launched 3 competitions that support companies in the built environment to innovate. [more](#)

Sustainability West Midlands Top 50 Green Leaders competition



Do you know someone who has shown a professional or personal commitment to creating a sustainable future for the region through influencing and... [more](#)

to ensure commercial success. Getting the business fundamentals right is the key to profit. This course, delivered over... [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 project if it is approached in the right way. [more](#)

Fundamentals of Construction Project Management

When: 6 July 2010

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham

Aim of the course is to present a general overview of the Fundamentals of Construction Project Planning and Control. [more](#)

CABE Urban Design Summer School

When: 11 July 2010

Where: Aston University

For the second time in four years Birmingham will be hosting the CABE urban design summer school from 11th - 14th July. [more](#)



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