

**05.03.2026**

THE JOHNSTOWN ESTATE, MEATH

## TRANSFORMING CONSTRUCTION IN IRELAND



### **08:30 Pre-Event Coffee/Pastries & Networking**

A relaxed early-morning opportunity for delegates to connect with peers and speakers before the formal programme begins.

### **09:15 Chair: Darren Richards, Cogent Consulting**

Darren Richards sets the tone for the day with an expert overview of Ireland's MMC trajectory and the need for sector-wide collaboration.

### **09:25 Introduction: Paul Tierney, MMC Ireland**

Paul Tierney outlines MMC Ireland's mission and frames the conference as the essential annual forum for advancing MMC across the country.

## GOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION AND POLICY PROGRESS

### **09:25 Morning Keynote: Minister Marian Harkin INVITED**

An exploration of Ireland's national direction on MMC, skills, innovation and policy reform from a key governmental perspective.

### **09:45 Pat Kirwan, Reddy Architecture – Procurement of MMC & Policy Influencing**

A practical look at how procurement reform and design-led advocacy are reshaping the conditions for successful MMC adoption.

### **10:00 Linda Kane Dept. Enterprise, Trade & Employment & Sarah-Jane Pesciotti – Sisk**

A joint insight into how Ireland's Expert Group on Future Skills Needs is delivering oversight and momentum for the national MMC skills pipeline.

### **10:15 Q&A Panel Discussion**

A facilitated discussion allowing delegates to interrogate the policy, procurement and skills insights shared in the opening sessions.



### **10:30 Coffee Break & Networking**

A chance to continue conversations sparked during the morning keynote and discussions.

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### WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION

**11:10 Caroline O’Laochdha, Vision Built**

A frontline perspective on upskilling the factory floor and building the workforce capacity needed for MMC-led construction.

**11:30 Peter Allen, Prosilience – “Building with Soul: Leading AI Transformation in Construction”  
How to Harness Technology Without Losing What Makes Your Organisation Human**

A thought-provoking session on integrating AI and digital transformation while preserving organisational culture and human-centred leadership.

**11:50 Mount Lucas & St Andrews Construction Skills Centre INVITED**

An overview of Ireland’s evolving MMC installer training programmes and how national training centres are supporting industry capability growth.

**12:10 Q&A Panel Discussion**

An interactive panel unpacking the challenges and opportunities in developing Ireland’s future MMC workforce.



**12:25 Lunch & Networking**

A dedicated networking session to foster collaboration and deepen engagement between delegates, speakers and exhibitors.

### PRODUCT AND SYSTEM STANDARDISATION IN CONSTRUCTION

**13:25 Afternoon Keynote: Sean Armstrong, Dept. Housing & Brian Mallon, Hawkins\Brown INVITED**

An expert update on policy, design and regulatory considerations driving standardisation in MMC for Ireland’s housing and public-sector programmes.

**13:45 Oliver Kinnane, UCD – MMC Design Platform**

A presentation on UCD’s prototype platform for MMC design, enabling more coordinated, repeatable and efficient design workflows.

**14:05 Dr Daniel McCrum, UCD & Construct Innovate – Standardising Category 2 LGS MMC**

Insights into national efforts to standardise light-gauge steel systems to support consistent, scalable adoption across Irish construction.

**14:25 Tony Woods, Midland Steel**

A manufacturer’s view on optimising and automating steel rebar reinforcement systems within standardised MMC processes.

**14:45 Ronan Lonergan MRIA & Jakub Urbanczyk,  
Cairn Homes – One Year On: Digital Toolkit Update**

An update on Cairn Homes’ pioneering digital toolkit, demonstrating the practical impact of standardised digital processes across live projects.

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**15:05 Colm McHugh, Construct Innovate INVITED**

Research initiatives around low carbon mass timber and AI

**15:25 Multi-Stakeholder Panel Debate**

A high-energy debate uniting architects, developers, academics and manufacturers to discuss Ireland's readiness for large-scale MMC standardisation.



**15:50 Coffee Break & Networking**

A short pause to recharge and connect with industry peers.

### INDUSTRIALISED CONSTRUCTION & INNOVATION

**16:00 Az Jasat, Autodesk & Murphy Representative**

A look at how digital tools and contractor innovation are enabling industrialised construction workflows across complex Irish projects.

**16:20 Gabriel Prior, Nua Manufacturing/Glenveagh INVITED**

An insight into how manufacturing-led housing delivery is reshaping efficiency, consistency and scalability in residential construction.

**16:35 Tom Cox, Saint-Gobain & Charlotte Garrett, KOPE – Digital Kit of Parts**

A demonstration of how digital kits-of-parts and component-based design can unlock repeatability, cost certainty and carbon reduction.

**16:50 Sarah-Jane Piscioti, Sisk**

A major contractor's perspective on sustainable and innovative construction strategy.

**17:05 Q&A Panel Discussion**

A final panel exploring the technologies, cultural changes and manufacturing capabilities driving industrialised construction forward.

**17:20 Chair Summary**

A concise wrap-up of the day's key themes and takeaways, reinforcing the sector's shared direction.

**17:30 Drinks Reception**

An informal opportunity to continue networking and strengthen new industry relationships – sponsored by Autodesk.

**19:30 Drinks Reception Ends**

Conference closes following a full day of learning and engagement.