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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, MD of Cogent Consulting

Darren Richards sets the tone for the day.

09:20 Introduction: Paul Tierney, CEO of MMC Ireland

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

09:35 Mentimeter Poll

GOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION AND POLICY PROGRESS

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09:40 Pat Kirwan, Reddy Architecture

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

09:55 Linda Kane, Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment & Sarah-Jane Piscioti, Sisk

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

10:20 Q&A Panel Discussion

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

10:25 Mentimeter Poll



10:30 Coffee Break & Networking

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

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WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION

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11:15 Caroline O'Laochdha, Vision Built

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

11:35 Peter Allen, Prosilience

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

11:55 Padraig Boland, LOETB & Jim Hargis, St. Andrews Resource Centre

An overview of Ireland's evolving MMC installer training programmes, and how national training centres are supporting industry capability growth and new entrants into MMC and Construction

12:15 Q&A Panel Discussion

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

12:20 Mentimeter Poll

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

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13:20 Audience Address: James Browne, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

13:30 Afternoon Keynote: Brian Mallon, Hawkins\Brown

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

13:50 Oliver Kinnane, University College Dublin

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

Insights into national efforts to standardise Category 2 MMC light-gauge steel systems to support consistent, scalable adoption across Irish construction.

14:20 Tony Woods, Midland Steel

Rebar Reinvented: DfMA-Led Automation and BIM Integration for High-Productivity MMC Construction – a manufacturer's view on optimising reinforcement design within standardised processes.

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14:35 Ronan Lonergan MRIA & Jakub Urbanczyk, Cairn Homes

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

14:55 Colm McHugh, Construct Innovate

Research initiatives around low carbon mass timber

15:15 Q&A Panel Discussion

15:20 Mentimeter Poll

15:25 Multi-Stakeholder Panel Debate: Part One - Designers Perspective

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

John Dobbin, Dobbin+Company Architects

Daniel McCrum, UCD & Construct Innovate

Pat Kirwan, Reddy Architecture

Cara O'Brien, Cairn Homes

Robbie Whelan, Ballymore



15:45 Coffee Break & Networking

A short pause to recharge and refresh.

15:55 Multi-Stakeholder Panel Debate: Part Two - Suppliers Perspective

A high-energy debate uniting manufacturers to discuss Ireland's readiness for large-scale MMC standardisation.

Heber McMahon, Cygnum

Darragh O'Reilly, O'Reilly Precast

Thomas Boyle, McAvoy

Martin Patterson, Jones Engineering

Eoin Waldron, Castle Group

INDUSTRIALISED CONSTRUCTION & INNOVATION

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16:15 Lars Nystrom, Autodesk & Matthew Lenahan, Murphy

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

16:30 Gabriel Prior, Nua Manufacturing/Glenveagh

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

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16:45 Tom Cox, Saint-Gobain & Charlotte Garrett, KOPE

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

17:00 Q&A Panel Discussion

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

17:10 Mentimeter Poll

17:15 Chair Summary

A wrap-up of the day's key themes and takeaways.

17:20 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.

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