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SKILLNET MMC ACCELERATE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES AT CO OFFALY CAMPUS

Designed to fast-track the adoption of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC), the platform aims to empower Ireland's construction sector to meet critical housing and infrastructure targets.

Developed by Skillnet Ireland in partnership with the Construction IT Alliance (CitA), Skillnet MMC Accelerate provides workers, learners and employers with tailored training, education and career development opportunities focused on MMC.

The launch event was attended by industry leaders and education providers, with contributions from Minister of State Marian Harkin TD and CitA Programme Lead Dr. Alan Hore.

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science James Lawless TD and Minister of State Marian Harkin TD officially launched the platform.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Lawless said: "Ireland stands at a pivotal juncture in the construction of housing and infrastructure. While we face enormous challenges, we also face exciting opportunities. This national platform will empower our construction learners and workforce with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities to thrive in a sector that is rapidly evolving.

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"This platform is more than a resource; it is a statement of intent. It says loud and clear that when we invest in people and their skills, we will have the ability not just to build homes, but to build people's futures."

Skillnet MMC Accelerate supports key commitments in the Programme for Government, Housing for All, and the National Development Plan. It complements recent initiatives such as the MMC Skills Pathway Portfolio, including the MMC Essentials programme launched earlier this year by Laois-Offaly ETB and the National Construction Training Campus.

Minister of State Marian Harkin welcomed the initiative, stating: "Whether you're a site supervisor looking to reskill, a school leaver seeking your first apprenticeship, or a business leader trying to stay ahead of digital change, the MMC Accelerate platform is your starting point. This platform brings clarity. It connects learners to providers. It puts the user in the driving seat of their own development journey."

Funded through investment from Budget 2025 and the Housing for All Implementation Fund, the platform is part of a broader €4 million funding package to support innovative construction skills. It also builds on regional MMC roadshows held since September 2024, showcasing MMC applications and training opportunities in real-world settings with industry partners.

Alan Hore of CitA, Programme Lead for Skillnet MMC Accelerate, added: "This new online resource represents a significant change for the sector, responding to industry needs and providing professionals with the advanced skills and knowledge to deliver high-quality sustainable housing and other important national infrastructure projects."

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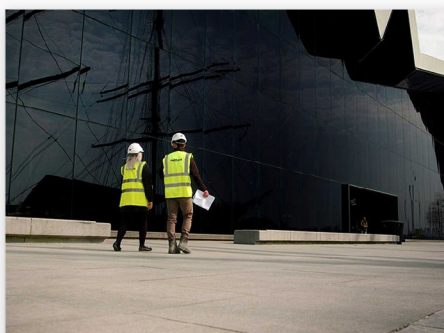
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The launch also highlighted the future of Mount Lucas as a centre of excellence for MMC skills development. The new National Demonstration Park for MMC is sited there, with the first units to be completed by the end of 2025. The campus, operated by LOETB, has centred MMC in its training priorities to meet evolving workforce needs.

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Farrans To Exhibit At WorldSkills Ireland In Du...

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Farrans will be at Stand C22 at RDS Simmonscourt from Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 September, attending WorldSkills Ireland for the first time as part of Sisk Group. The company will showcase career routes in civil engineering, quantity surveying and construction, and is recruiting now for its graduate

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DoI Announce Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Dr...

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A training exercise to deploy temporary defences that complement the permanent Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme will take place from 14 to 18 September 2026. Led by the Department for Infrastructure, working with multi-agency partners, the drill aims to minimise disruption while familiarising

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Europe's Renewable Leaders To Gather In Dublin

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Ireland is exceptionally well positioned to help drive Europe's clean energy future, with abundant wind and solar resources, expanding storage capacity and one of the continent's strongest pipelines of renewable projects. That strength offers Ireland the chance to bolster its own energy security whi

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Cork Engineer Doireann Barry Appointed EirGrid ...

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Doireann Barry, a Cork native, has been appointed EirGrid's Director of Business Services, a role central to enabling the grid operator's operations as Ireland advances its energy transition. Barry previously served as Head of SONI Governance Implementation at EirGrid, contributing to governance an

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Overnight Repairs In Drogheda To Safeguard Wate...

Uisce Éireann will carry out essential overnight repair works to protect drinking water supplies for more than 45,000 people in Drogheda and nearby communities, after crews identified a damaged section of pipeline needing urgent attention. The repair is scheduled from 10pm on Friday, 11 September,

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Kirby Group Engineering Creates 50 Jobs With Se...

Limerick-headquartered engineering firm Kirby Group Engineering is creating 50 new jobs in South Africa as it opens a second office in Cape Town, bringing its workforce in the country to more than 120. The expansion comes three years after Kirby established operations in South Africa and follows wh

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Sisk Named New Sponsor Of Focus Ireland's Shine...

International construction and engineering company Sisk has been unveiled as the new sponsor of Focus Ireland's Shine A Light fundraising sleep-out, deepening its commitment to supporting children and families experiencing homelessness. The event will run nationwide on Friday 9 October, the night b

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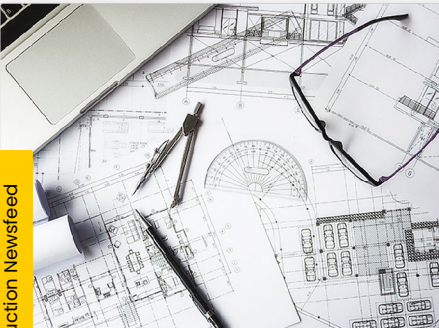


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Major Mains Upgrade To Secure Ballydine Water S...

Uisce Éireann will replace 8.4 km of ageing water mains between Ballynarahah and the outskirts of Carrick-on-Suir, delivering a more dependable supply for Ballydine and reducing service interruptions. The utility is set to begin works in mid-September to strengthen the local network in Tipperary. Th

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Kimmins Opens Hiring Drive For Civil Engineerin...

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has launched a recruitment drive for Civil Engineering Assistants (Professional and Technical Officers), aiming to bolster efforts to manage, maintain and improve infrastructure across Northern Ireland. The competition will create a number of permanent, full

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AD Sustainability Secures Two Sustainability Su...

AD Sustainability has announced the award of two new sustainability support contracts. The County Antrim-based consultancy has been appointed by Mutual Energy Ltd and Belfast Charitable Society to advance their environmental initiatives. Over a three-year term with Mutual Energy Ltd, AD Sustainabil

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