

Clubnews

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Moving forward: the transition to Constructing Excellence

A New Year, a new name. But Constructing Excellence is about far more than simply a new brand. A unique organisation within the UK construction industry, Constructing Excellence is the next step in delivering a more profitable, productive, competitive, and sustainable construction industry that respects its people and achieves greater value for its clients.



Dennis Lenard,
Chief Executive,
Constructing Excellence

Headed up by new Chief Executive, Dennis Lenard, Constructing Excellence will provide the industry with the necessary tools, products and services to bring it closer to its ultimate goal. By triggering a true image change for the industry the principles of Constructing Excellence will ultimately result in wealth creation and a step change in productivity and profitability for all.

For more information, call the Constructing Excellence helpdesk on 0845 605 55 56, or visit www.constructingexcellence.org.uk

Regional benefits as more CE Clubs launch!

The launch of the Cheshire, Wirral and Warrington Club was met with a great response this week as over 100 delegates attended the event at Chadwick House in Warrington. The Humber region is also benefiting from a Constructing Excellence Club which was launched at an event last November. The Clubs will provide advice and tools to construction companies to help improve their business performance and profitability.

A voice for the clubs

Andrew Carpenter, new main board member of Constructing Excellence to represent the Clubs and manufacturers, casts an eye back over the achievements of 2003 and looks forward with enthusiasm to the unfolding year ahead...

The regional Clubs are moving from strength to strength and as they continue to develop under the new brand of Constructing Excellence I fully intend to make sure their voice is heard at the highest possible level. My own club in Bristol last year was particularly active with the formation of a new website, a members' survey, and the production of a presentation to sell the benefits of joining a Constructing Excellence Club. This will be used to promote membership in the region, and possibly in other geographic areas. We have also continued our truly hands-on approach to Specific Innovation Clusters - this last approach culminated in a successful application for DTI funding, to be used to engage further with SMEs. I am certain that this flurry of activity is mirrored around the country and hope that by bringing all the clubs into a National Network we can ensure that it goes hand in hand with a strong



and consistent 'Constructing Excellence' message.

The true value of the Clubs comes from the learning and sharing of best practice knowledge, and the opportunity to network and develop at a local level. And yet the local value of these clubs is by no means restrictive, but rather illustrates the greater good that is being achieved on a national scale. By tackling issues at a grass roots level, and giving members the confidence to change the ways in which they work, the Clubs are playing an essential part in shaping the construction industry of the future.

National Clubs Day 'Looking back with a sense of achievement, looking forward with fresh momentum'

Committee and Club members will join together this year at their 'National Club Day' to celebrate past achievements and kick off the New Year with fresh enthusiasm. The event will take place on the 27th April alongside Interbuild at the Birmingham NEC and will be the first Club Day under the new brand of Constructing Excellence.

The event will provide the ideal opportunity to help shape Constructing Excellence plans for

the regionalised support structures, as well as allowing new Club committee members to meet and interact with existing ones.

A series of discussions on successful clubs, and club support will be preceded by presentations from Dennis Lenard, Chief Executive, Constructing Excellence, Brian Moone, Director, Best Practice, and Andrew Carpenter, Club representative on the Constructing Excellence board. There will also

be the opportunity to visit Interbuild and view Constructing Excellence's off site construction exhibition.

For more information on the National Club Day please e-mail Sharma Abora, Club Network Manager:

sharma.abora@constructingexcellence.org.uk

Those interested in registering at Interbuild should visit www.interbuild.com

London Clubs merge

The City & East London Club and the South London Club joined forces at the end of January this year to form one united Club. The merger will bring huge benefits to members, facilitating knowledge sharing and networking, and consolidating effort.



Andrew Bowles, newly appointed Deputy Chairman of the Club, stresses the benefits that the Club will bring, "The advantages of the Club are substantial. Not only does it provide extensive networking opportunities for members, it also allows newer members to learn from existing ones, encouraging open partnerships, and improved ways of working. By merging the two clubs to form one, we really feel that we are making the most of the considerable time and effort that is put in by the committee."

The Club's next event will be held on 11th March at a central London location when Canute Simpson, Director of Engagement at Constructing Excellence will speak on the current projects and initiatives that Constructing Excellence supports and the benefits for Club members.

For further details please contact John Hall: johnhall@pially.com

If you are interested in joining the London Club please contact membership secretary, Richard King: r.king@ldavies.com

Events

- Club:** Lancashire
Topic: Supply Chain Management
Date: 12th May 2004
Contact: Becky McGonagle, 01254 604 561
- Club:** West Yorkshire
Topic: Off Site Construction
Date: 22nd April 2004
Contact: Robert Pickles, 01924 369 726
- Club:** Milton Keynes
Topic: Your Right to Access - Disability Discrimination Act
Date: 31st March 2004
Contact: John de Lever, jon@delever.co.uk
- Club:** North West Wales
Topic: Club Launch
Date: 31st March 2004
Contact: Milica Kitson, 07966 034 984
- Club:** Hampshire
Topic: Club launch
Date: 10th May 2004
Contact: Gillian Wright, 01256 766839

Peterborough in the middle of a chain reaction!

Local businesses could soon be playing a major part in the city's 20 year development plan, thanks to the innovative thinking of the Peterborough Constructing Excellence Club. The Club, which works in partnership with the construction sector of Peterborough's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, is looking to set up a supply chain group to encourage clients, contractors, sub-contractors, and suppliers to work in partnership.

Planning to hold their first 'Meet the Supplier' event in late May, the Club is concerned that local firms are moving outside the area to win work, and hopes to encourage the City Council to include clauses on the use of local capacity, when letting out contracts.

Philip Elmer, Chairman of the Construction Sector committee, is keen to get the endorsement of local firms "The 20 year development plan for Peterborough provides a great opportunity for local firms and we are keen to ensure that they are able to take full advantage of it. By setting up a supply chain group we will not only help organisations build partnerships fully conducive to the principles of Constructing Excellence, but will also ensure that we are clear on the amount of local capacity available when letting out contracts."

In the longer term The Peterborough Club and the construction sector hope to work with the City Council to set up a local organisations' directory on their website, as well as a 'chatroom' facility to enable clients and contractors to seek out the skills that they need.

For more information on the supply chain group or the Peterborough Club please call Alistair Turner on 01733 393333 or Philip Elmer on 01733 232033

Where are the Clubs?

Here is a list of the contact for each Club.

For more information on events, go to 'www.constructingexcellence.org.uk' and click on clubs

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