William Moffitt

William Moffitt has been working in construction for over 30 years and is currently Director of Moffitt & Robinson Construction Limited. William was successful in gaining a place on Building Skills for Sustainable Construction, a two week training programme in Biberach, Germany focusing on sustainable construction methods, renewable energy and environmental standards.

The 'Building Skills for Sustainable Construction' project was organised by CITB NI and funded by the European Commission's Leonardo programme which is managed by Ecorys in the UK. The programme was delivered by KOMZET (a German Centre of Vocational Excellence in Timber Construction and Finishings).

Speaking about the training William said, "I was made aware of the programme through the Federation of Master Builders and thought it would help me develop new skills to further advance my knowledge and interest in energy efficient buildings."

As part of the training participants had to undertake language and cultural training to help prepare for training in Germany.

The two week programme combined theory and practical learning with site visits. William said, "The classroom training was very good and interesting, and the workshop activities were brilliant and gave me lots of ideas. It was good to go on to sites and get an understanding of the training in real life settings."

"Germany is one of the world's greenest economies and their construction is something we can be envious of. The German building industry is flourishing at this time and we certainly could learn a lot more from their structure and culture. I am already applying what I have learned and we are currently building a low energy extension to a local hotel, building a carbon neutral build for a local council and are midway through our 2nd passive house. We also currently have a placement student who is able to learn from the experience in the hope to help further with career plans. I have also spoken to local suppliers who are now looking at Passive House standard materials."