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CITB NI TO HOST THE FIRST EVER LOCAL WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT 2020

THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2020

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, SHAW'S BRIDGE, BELFAST

A full day of inspirational stories, business advice and career development for women currently working in the construction industry, and for employers who support diversity or best practice in the industry.

CITB NI, the industry training board for the construction industry are hosting their inaugural Women in Construction Summit to be held in Belfast on Thursday 5 March 2020.

With a view to inspiring change and shattering stereotypes the Women in Construction Summit will be a full day of inspirational stories, business advice and career development for women currently working in the construction industry, those thinking of joining and for employers who support diversity or best practice in the industry.

Barry Neilson, Chief Executive **CITB** NI said, "We are delighted to host our very first Women in Construction Summit in Northern Ireland and looking forward to an enjoyable and entertaining day. **CITB** NI run and facilitate the Women in Construction Network in Northern Ireland which is made up of a group of friendly, inspiring and dedicated women working in a wide range of roles within the construction industry. This summit was inspired by the network to help to support and promote diversity within the growing construction industry. With an ageing workforce, a skills shortage and the increasing use of new technologies, there has never been a better time to encourage more diversity in construction. Increasing the talent pool and making it easier for women and other underrepresented populations to not just join the industry but to remain in the industry, is common sense for any employer. Given that it has been proven that more diversity in the workforce and particularly in leadership positions, can lead to higher profits and more innovation, it makes good business sense too. We look forward to a great event and we hope this summit will be the first of many on a local level."



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Hosted by Sarah Travers and featuring leading industry professionals from local construction businesses such as Arup, Clanmil Housing, Farrans, Gilbert-Ash, GRAHAM, GRAHAM-BAM, Henry Brothers, McAleer & Rushe, Nicola McCracken Safety Services, NIFRS, Scottish Water, Turner & Townsend, White Ink, and Women's TEC, the Women in Construction Summit 2020 will highlight inspirational stories, provide thought-provoking tips on career management, help identify role models and provide an opportunity to expand professional networks.

The Women in Construction Summit will be held on Thursday 5 March 2020 and booking is now open via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-in-construction-ni-summit-2020-tickets-71656038139>

Registration from 9am, conference starts at 10am. Conference closes at 3.30pm.

Strand 1: Career Management and Progression

Target Audience: Women currently in the construction industry
Topics include mentoring, returning to work, building confidence and networks

Strand 2: Applying the Business Case for Diversity
Target Audience: Companies, Senior Management, HR
Topics include recruiting an inclusive workforce, supporting returners, and best practice

Tickets cost £25 per person

CITB NI grant aid is not available for this event.

Have a question for one of our speakers? E-mail it to alison.mcclean@citbni.org.uk and we will try to include it in our panel session.

Share your experience on social media using the hashtag #WICNSummitNI2020.

Women in Construction Video

CITB NI has created a three-minute video featuring two women working in the construction industry in Northern Ireland. The video will feature on the CITB NI website and social media pages and will be used to promote the construction industry as a career in schools and at careers events.

Women in Construction Case Study Booklet

The recently revised and updated Women in Construction booklet showcases a number of successful women who are working in a variety of roles in the construction industry. The booklet outlines the benefits of working in the industry and provides words of advice and encouragement for those thinking of a career in construction. The booklet will be used as a promotional tool and will be distributed at careers events and to schools across Northern Ireland.

Both the booklet and video can be accessed at CITB NI's website

[https://www.citbni.org.uk/Careers/Women-in-Construction-\(1\).aspx](https://www.citbni.org.uk/Careers/Women-in-Construction-(1).aspx)