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CITB NI are evolving, celebrating 50 years supporting the local construction industry



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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
TRAINING BOARD NI

The Construction Industry Training Board, established in 1964 are celebrating 50 years of leading the way in identifying the skills and training needs of the local construction industry.

The organisation has changed significantly over the past 5 decades and has served the industry during both the high boom times and the low recessionary times. With this in mind the organisation, more recently known as CITB-ConstructionSkills NI will now revert back to its original trading name, CITB NI in order to help celebrate the successes of

the past 50 years and also reflect better the work with local employers.

Barry Neilson, Chief Executive, CITB NI said, "Our 50th Anniversary is quite an achievement and we are proud to have supported the development of our most valuable resource, our people during this time. Over recent years we have concentrated our efforts on supporting the industry to help it survive the economic downturn. We have worked with the sector to improve their capabilities in

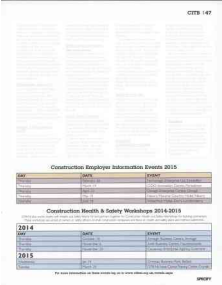
strategic planning and performance improvement at senior management level whilst also working to develop a qualified workforce at craft level. The economy in NI is levelling out and we are looking forward to the future with a confident and more capable workforce able to embrace the opportunities arising as our industry regenerates."

"We may be changing our name but we are not changing our organisation, we will continue to work in partnership with CITB in Great Britain and the Construction Industry

Council as ConstructionSkills, the Sector Skills Council for Construction. As an Industry Training Board and Sector Skills Council our vision is to have a construction industry where skills and competence are at the core of every business plan and a training culture where skills are at the heart of each construction company, no matter how large or small."

Over the past 50 years the construction industry has changed dramatically with significant changes to local city skylines, technology and construction methods.

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Barry continued, "Construction is a historic industry. It has built our homes, our hospitals, our schools, our roads, our railways, our workplaces, our airports, our greatest cathedrals and historic buildings. These buildings and landmarks that have been developed will be here long after the construction process has been completed they have allowing us to make our mark on the landscape. Looking forward to the next 50 years **CITB** NI will continue to support the industry in developing the people it needs to meet the challenges now and in the future."

TRAINING GRANTS

Our training grant scheme offers support to a wide range of training and qualifications from apprentices through to the existing workforce including management and administration. The scheme is structured into 3 Tiers and offers an economic incentive to train and whilst having a positive impact on the industry.

MOBILE TRAINING UNIT

Our Mobile Training Unit (MTU) provides a convenient way of meeting training requirements with minimum disruption to site work. The unit travels across Northern Ireland delivering short duration health and safety courses such as confined

spaces, excavations, manual handling and working at heights encouraging the industry to build safely. Free to all registered in-scope employers the MTU can be booked in advance.

EMPLOYER EVENTS

(See dates below)

We hold free information events for local construction employers providing the latest information on training advice and guidance on grants, other funded training initiatives and the services that are available to registered employers.

The employer events are designed to help local construction employers openly discuss issues, network with other employers and find out what support is available for training. Up to date and relevant Health and Safety information is also provided by Health and Safety Works NI to help support the construction employer in this area.

QUALIFICATIONS

It is important to get the industry qualified to the appropriate standard, if we are to be globally competitive, we must enhance the skills of our people at all levels.

This has been demonstrated through the 'Qualifying the Existing Workforce' project where over £1million of funding has been secured over 4 years to deliver 1 600 NVQ Level 2 Qualifications

to the employed but unqualified construction workers of which approximately 1/3 have already been delivered.

Nine assessment centres have been awarded the contract to qualify and assess the candidates across the Province. There are 45 occupations available ranging from bricklaying to wall and floor tiling and including occupations new to the project this year such as asbestos removal, hire and rental and roofing.

For full details, a list of assessment Centre's and occupations available, and to find out more about registering, log onto www.citbni.org.uk and follow the links to FREE NVQ's.

SKILLBUILD NI

Skillbuild NI is run by CITB NI and held annually each spring, with the top local construction apprentices competing to win coveted titles ranging from brickwork to wall and floor tiling. The winners may then go on to represent Northern Ireland in the Skills Show UK and potentially at WorldSkills. The competition invests in the youth market and helps fine tune their skills for the future.

SHARED APPRENTICESHIPS

The Shared Apprenticeship Programme NI allows apprentices to complete a full apprenticeship

programme by working with a number of different employers, to gain the skill sets they require to become qualified. Throughout the duration of the training the apprentice will also obtain their level 3 Vocational Qualification through the normal College system.

Barry continued, "We will continue to develop new interventions and programs focusing on Apprenticeships and Leadership within the sector to ensure the industry has the skills to deliver and the strategic management to do so efficiently and economically. We will also address skills development in specialist areas such as heritage and sustainable construction methods in order to assist with opportunities that may arise in these sectors and we will continue to work closely with industry partners, stakeholders and Government to ensure a qualified and competent industry to ensure growth is sustained over the long-term."

Contact

Interested parties can keep up to date with the progress and development of these skills and training projects at www.citbni.org.uk or by 'liking' CITB NI on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/CITBNorthernIreland> or joining the discussion on Twitter @CITBNI



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Construction Employer Information Events 2015

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Thursday	February 26	Fermanagh Enterprise Ltd, Enniskillen
Thursday	March 19	CIDO Innovation Centre, Portadown
Thursday	April 23	Omagh Enterprise Centre, Omagh
Thursday	May 19	Newry Mourne Country Hotel, Newry
Thursday	June 18	Waterfoot Hotel, Derry-Londonderry

Construction Health & Safety Workshops 2014-2015

CITB NI also works closely with Health and Safety Works NI and partners together for Construction Health and Safety Workshops for building contractors. These workshops are aimed at owners or safety officers of small construction companies and focus on health and safety plans and method statements.

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Thursday	October 16	Armagh Business Centre, Armagh
Thursday	November 6	Ards Business Centre, Newtownards
Thursday	November 20	Causeway Enterprise Agency, Coleraine
2015		
Wednesday	Jan 14	Ormeau Business Park, Belfast
Tuesday	March 24	CITB NI, Nutts Comer Training Centre, Crumlin