### Midlands Region Newsletter

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# London Build 2018 on October 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> at the Olympia



David Jones. MIConstM. our Director of Education & Training has been Offered to speak at the Skills Hub a 45-minute workshop slot and will be chairman of the whole Skills Hub event on the first day 23 October, that will also give him the opportunity to open and close the event with appropriate remarks too

# ICM CDM Competence Registry

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### **Birmingham**

Phase 2 and 3 include over 200,000 sq ft of Grade A office space, over 170 luxury apartments plus private, rooftop garden terraces, 15,000 sq. ft of retail and leisure space the 2.25-acre site, in the Digbeth district of Birmingham, gained detailed



planning nearly nine years ago for all three phases set around Orwell Place, a new central plaza. Abdulaziz Al-Nafisi, deputy chief executive officer of Salhia, which is listed on the Kuwait Stock Exchange, said: "We've been investing in UK property for over 20 years, including the redevelopment of Farnborough town centre in Hampshire, working with joint venture partners such as St. Modwen Properties.

### **Smartphones**

Willmott Dixon workers see through concrete with smartphones



Willmott Dixon is trialling new software which allows site staff to see through walls using their smartphones. The Dalux Field App software has been imported from Denmark and used on four Willmott Dixon sites ranging in value from £4m - £25m.lt shows 3D construction models with augmented reality on smartphones. Users simply point their phones at a part of the project and it will show a mix of reality and the 3D model. Willmott Dixon digital manager Andrew Gamblen said: "The technology is absolutely brilliant. It is very easy to use and can be accessed on a large number of devices - making it much easier for everyone on-site to visualize exactly what we are building. "The workers on-site are excited. Even though not all are using it every day, they still check each time something has been installed and see if there are any issues. "They no longer have to run back and forth to the office."

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#### **Stoke**

Pochin's starts £20m Stoke hotel and has broken ground on a new Hilton Garden Inn hotel at Stoke-on-Trent's Smithfield development.



Stoke's £170m Smithfield scheme will deliver up to a million square feet of office, residential, leisure and retail space, creating a new quarter in Hanley.

Pochin's has been appointed to deliver the £20m hotel development, starting on-site with a 17-month build programme, for the hotel to open in late 2019.

The 140-bed hotel is being delivered by Genr8 Developments and Stoke-on-Trent City Council.

Pochin's is also on-site with the construction of a 151-unit build-to-rent residential development at Smithfield.

Jon Adams, managing director of Pochin's construction division, said: "We pride ourselves on developing long-term partnerships that result in quality additions to the local

community. Our relationship with Genr8 is a perfect example of that partner-led approach and will ensure we're able to deliver another major project for Stoke-on-Trent to the highest standard."

### **Health & Safety**

Thirty-eight construction fatalities last year in Construction continues to be the industry that accounts for the most workplace fatalities although agriculture and the waste sector remain more dangerous environments. Latest statistics from the Health & Safety Executive show that there were 38 fatal injuries to construction workers recorded in the year to 31st March 2018, accounting for the largest share of any industry.

This was in line with recent trends: over the past five years the average number of construction fatalities has been 39. This is around four-times as high as the all-industry rate, but it is considerably less than the rate in either agriculture or waste & recycling, despite accounting for a greater number of cases than these sectors. Across all industries, the provisional annual data for work-related fatal injuries revealed that 144 workers were fatally injured between April 2017 and March 2018 (a rate of 0.45 per 100,000 workers).

The three most common causes of fatal injuries across all industries continue to be: workers falling from height (35); being struck by a moving vehicle (26); and being struck by a moving object (23). Together these account for nearly 60% of workplace fatal injuries in 2017/18. Mesothelioma, contracted through past exposure to asbestos and one of the few work-related diseases where deaths can be counted directly, killed 2,595 in Great Britain in 2016. The current figures are largely a consequence of occupational asbestos exposures that occurred before 1980, the HSE said

For further details, see www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/fatals.htm

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