

## Welcome ...

From the Centre Chair and Councillor  
Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT

### and Happy New Year!

A rather belated one seeing as we've passed the first Bank Holiday weekend of the year - St. Brigid's Day. I'm writing this newsletter with a renewed optimism on the fruition of the **ATR**. Positive progress has been made over the past couple of months and we are in the process of forming the Boards for the shadow register - see overleaf for the full update.

There have been various updates to the **Technical Guidance Documents** over the past few months, some that have not been as widely publicised. See our feature for all updates plus a call for members and affiliates to collaborate on a submission in response to the **Public Consultation on TGD Part B, Volume 1 - Buildings other than dwellings**.

You'll be pleased to hear that your Committee are already laying plans for the year ahead with the first event in a weeks' time and our **General Business Meeting (GBM)** in May, which is set to be a big affair this year.

As always, we're open to new members and affiliates joining our dynamic Committee. If you would like to get involved with the Republic of Ireland Centre at any level (Committee, Sub-Committee, etc.), please get in contact with our **Centre Secretary, Paul Condron** ([padco449@gmail.com](mailto:padco449@gmail.com)) with your expression of interest.

### AT Showcase 002

#### Project:

Existing Dwelling Extension & Renovation, Co. Westmeath

#### Practice:

Joe Fallon Architectural Design Ltd.

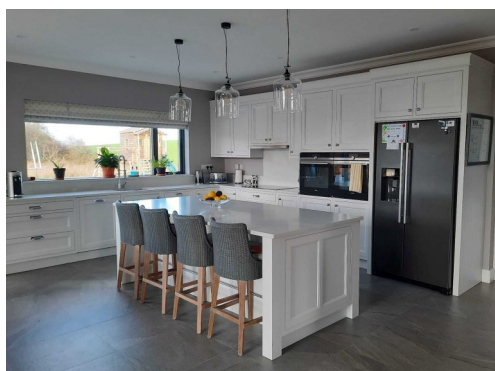
#### Member(s):

Joe Fallon MCIAT

#### Description:

Choosing to leave their cramped Dublin home to renovate a storey-and-a-half traditional house in Westmeath, the clients were keen to make changes to the existing dwelling. They contacted Joe Fallon MCIAT who advised them to spend some time living in the home first and get to know it and their requirements to inform a design brief before doing anything. The result is a renovation and extension which serves all their needs.

- Featured in The Sunday Times  
Sunday, 22 January 2023



### This Issue ... at a glance

#### Update on the Architectural Technologists Register (ATR)

The latest news on our efforts to form a Statutory Register and an official timeline of all steps to date

#### Technical Guidance Documents - Parts B, L & M

Call for assistance on the Public Consultation for Part B and updates on Part's L & M

#### New CEO

Tara Page officially took on the position of CIAT Chief Executive on 1 January 2023

#### AGM 2022

Summary of events at the 2022 AGM in Bristol

#### Save the Dates

We hope to see members and affiliates at upcoming events planned by the Centre

#### AT Awards 2023

#ATAwards are opening for entries on 6 February 2023

#### Events & CPDs

A look forward at upcoming CPDs, events and conference that will assist you in maintaining currency of knowledge and your annual CPD obligations.

## Important Update on the Architectural Technologists Register (ATR)

On 7 December 2022, we had a positive meeting with Minister of State for Housing, Peter Burke TD, and the **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage**. At the meeting, we secured a commitment from them to support CIAT's endeavours to bring about statutory recognition of the ATR to allow **Registered Architectural Technologists** to act as **Design and/or Assigned Certifiers** under **BC(A)R 2014**.

We are now in the process of setting up the ATR as a fully functioning Shadow Register, mirroring Statutory Registers already in place for architects, engineers and surveyors.

The purpose of the Shadow Register is to demonstrate its viability on a statutory basis. We are working to target milestones agreed by the Department before the ATR is incorporated into the next amendment of the Building Control Act.

We will now need the support of you, our members and affiliates, to drive this endeavour forward and bring about the Register's statutory recognition. There will be a press release in the next few weeks together with steps for registration.

It is essential that all CIAT members and affiliates prevail upon their unaffiliated Architectural Technologist colleagues to assist CIAT in gaining the appropriate recognition for our profession by joining CIAT and/or registering on the **ATR**. Please visit our website, [ciat.ie](http://ciat.ie) for further information on the joining or qualifying process by clicking on the following links:

[Join CIAT](#)

[Professional Assessment](#)

# ATR

## CIAT AGM 2022 | Bristol

with Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT, Centre Chair and Councillor

The weekend of 25/26 November 2022 saw the return of an unrestricted **AGM and Conference** in Bristol, UK. Furthermore, it also saw the **Friday Charity Night** make a welcome return, with the weekend events kicking off with a champagne reception in the Harbour House Bar & Restaurant at 6:30pm. The event, in support of **The Grand Appeal** and organised by CIAT Wessex (R06), saw an impressive attendance and was a hive of networking, meeting old friends and new alike. The evening was sponsored by **Autodesk** with match funding from **Barratt Homes**. Following the reception, we headed to the Dining Area for a generous two course buffet followed by a very entertaining quiz, with rounds on 'Bristol Trivia', 'BIM' and 'CIAT' (with the latter even catching out seasoned members!). The evening ended with a well-supported raffle for a plethora of prizes from Hugo Boss wear and restaurant vouchers to a 4-Ball Round of Golf.



On Saturday morning, just prior to the formal opening of the AGM, Usman Yaqub FCIAT announced that over £5,000 had been raised for **The Grand Appeal** to rapturous applause. The AGM addressed the normal business of the Institute together with **one resolution** to regularise the **Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures** with the **Code of Conduct**, which was passed successfully. On closing of the AGM, **President Kevin Crawford PCIAT** gave an update on the CEO recruitment process and expressed sincere thanks to **Francesca Berriman MBE HonFCIAT** for her many years of dedicated service to CIAT and the architectural technology discipline and profession. Francesca raised to speak and was greeted with a standing ovation and applause that must have lasted a whole minute by all present! Following a short speech, Francesca was presented with gifts from Joanne Rowlands on behalf of CIAT.

Following a short refreshment break, the **Conference | Climate Change** commenced with a pre-recorded presentation by **Victoria Burrows, Director of Advancing New Zero at the World Green Building Council (WGBC)**. This generated quite some debate from the attendees, which **President Kevin Crawford PCIAT** chaired. Two Chartered Members then presented case studies on two related aspects - Modern Methods of Construction and Passive House on a Large Scale. Again, the question and answers session was electric!



*Mel McGerr FCIAT, MMA Architects, pictured here with Irish Professional Golfer, Shane Lowry. Mel was a key part of the design team in the delivery of Shane's first venture outside of golf - The Old Warehouse Bar and Restaurant in Tullamore.*

## AT Awards 2023 - Now Open!



Designed to recognize excellence in Architectural Technology globally, the suite of AT Awards are open to all professionals and students, whether they are based nationally or internationally.

Launched on **6 February 2023** - click the logo for information!

## CIAT ROI Centre Social Initiatives

### AT WhatsApp Group

Since its launch in December 2021, our WhatsApp group for like-minded architectural technologists in the Republic of Ireland has grown to 30 participants from across the architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) industry in all parts of the country. There has been great engagement and some light-hearted banter too!

Members regularly share knowledge and guidance on various issues including planning, building regulations, contacts for lighting assessments, recommendations for structural engineers in particular parts of the country, etc.

This group is informal and separate to CIAT and open to all Architectural Technologists in practice.

If you would like to be part of this group, please email [pr.ciatiireland@gmail.com](mailto:pr.ciatiireland@gmail.com).

If you have any other ideas for social initiatives, please forward to the Centre Committee for consideration. CIAT is your Institute and you're entitled to have your say.



Republic of Ireland AGM Voting Delegates and Councillor at the AGM; (l-r) Patrick Clarke MCIAT, Patricia Mulvey FCIAT, Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT, Christophe Krief MCIAT.

After lunch, we returned for the **Conference | Building Safety Act** where expert panelists presented and discussed the **Building Safety Act** which was signed into law in July 2022. What generated a lot of interest was the effects it will have on practicing generally and this could be a pre-cursor to what will be introduced in other territories.

Finally, the day ended with a pre-recorded presentation by Adam Endacott of CIAT on **promotion and awareness of Chartered Architectural Technologists**. Like his presentation at the AGM 2021, it did not disappoint! Another successful AGM in Bristol and we look forward to more events in the years ahead.

### Centre Committee 2021-2023

The Committee, which is currently meeting remotely every 2 months, is as follows:

Role	Member
<b>Chair</b>	Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Liam Cotter MCIAT
<b>Secretary</b>	Paul Condron MCIAT
<b>Councillor</b>	Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT
<b>Treasurer</b>	Liam Cotter MCIAT
<b>CPD Officer</b>	Christophe Krief MCIAT
<b>Education Officer</b>	'Vacant'
<b>Membership Officer</b>	Brian K. Davies MCIAT
<b>Practice Officer</b>	Sean Ryan (Affiliate)
<b>PR Officer</b>	Patricia Mulvey FCIAT
<b>aspirATion Chair</b>	'Vacant'
<b>Committee Member</b>	Niall Culleton MCIAT
<b>Committee Member</b>	Patrick Clarke MCIAT
<b>Committee Member</b>	Richard Burke MCIAT
<b>Committee Member</b>	Jonathan Reinhardt MCIAT
<b>Committee Member</b>	Paul Roddy FCIAT
<b>Chair - Technical</b>	'Vacant'

Contact details for members of the **Centre Committee** can be found on the Republic of Ireland page of the CIAT website.

If you would like to become involved in the **Centre Committee**, join / form a sub-committee or positively contribute to any efforts by the Centre, please get in contact with a member of the Committee with an **Expression of Interest** and an up-to-date CV - our door is always open to members, affiliate and students.



Congratulations to Oliver Cleary, Atlantic Technological University (ATU), Galway, who was awarded CIAT Outstanding Graduating Student. He is pictured here with Prof. Graham Heaslip, Head of School of Engineering, and Mary Rogers, Head of Dept. of Building and Civil Engineering

### Save the Dates!

We're calling on all members and affiliates to Save the Dates for our first two planned events of the year.

**'Bricks & Porter' | Guinness Storehouse Architectural Tour**  
Friday **17 February 2023** | 15:30 hrs | CPD & Social Event  
Joint Event with RKD

**CIAT Republic of Ireland Centre General Business Meeting**  
Saturday **13 May 2023** | 13:00 hrs | Business Meeting,  
CPDs & Networking Dinner

## Building Regulations Update - Parts B, L and M

### Part B 2023 - Fire Safety - Volume 1 - Buildings other than Dwelling Houses

On 20 January 2023, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, launched a [Public Consultation](#) for the review of Technical Guidance Document B due to:

- Changes in the design and construction of buildings, with taller and larger, more complex layouts
- The use of new and innovative building systems and materials
- Changes in the provision of heating, ventilation and access for the health and safety of occupants
- Improvements in energy performance.

Following the **call for Technical submissions and comments**, we are seeking interest from members and affiliates to combine and collaborate on a technical review of the draft document and a formal submission. The closing date for receipt of submissions is no later than **21 April 2023**. Any members or affiliates who wish to contribute, please contact the **Centre Chair** at [chair.ciatireland@gmail.com](mailto:chair.ciatireland@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

### Part L 2022 - Conservation of Fuel & Energy - Volumes 1 and 2

On 25 October 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage published S.I. 535/2022 resulting in changes to Part L of the Second Schedule of the Building Regulations from 25 October 2022. This introduced requirements for **Electric Vehicles recharging infrastructure** to be installed in new homes and the facilitation of the roll-out of **district heating and cooling in residential buildings**. See Technical Guidance Document [Part L1](#) and [Part L2](#) for further information.

### Part M 2022 - Access and Use

On 2 December 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage published S.I. 608/2022 resulting in changes to Part M of the Second Schedule of the Building Regulations from 1 January 2023. There are now five requirements of the regulations, M1 to M5, with the main change being **M4 - the introduction of Changing Places Toilets**. It states " *Where sanitary facilities are provided in a building, or in a building that is to be extended, adequate provision shall be made for people to access and use a changing places toilet, having regard to the use and size of the building*". See the new Technical Guidance Document [Part M](#).

## CIRI (Builders Register) Update

The **Construction Industry Register Ireland (CIRI)** was put on a statutory footing in July 2022, with builders and tradesmen expected to be invited to register from 2024.

The Department of Housing says the **CIRI** register is likely to be statutory from early 2025 for house builders and non-residential builders. Registration for various trades will happen after that.

Anyone who is prepared to provide works will have to register, apart from electricians and gas installers who are subject to their own regulatory obligations. Sole traders have to register but an employee of a company does not – the company must instead register.

As a self-regulating body, **CIRI** can discipline its members but does not have much to do with quality control on site.

## New Chief Executive



The Republic of Ireland Centre welcomes **Tara Page** as the new **Chief Executive** for CIAT.

Tara has worked for CIAT as

Education and International Director for over 15 years, during which time she has been instrumental in developing, championing and delivering new concepts, projects and policies, particularly relating to CIAT's educational activity and its international advancement.

Well-versed in strategic planning, stakeholder engagement and project leadership, Tara has recently successfully complete a Senior Leaders Masters Degree Apprenticeship and attained an MBA with the University of Exeter.

## Upcoming Events

### Guinness Storehouse Gravity Bar & Hub building Tour

**Date:**

17 February 2023

**Location:**

Guinness Storehouse, St. James's Gate, Dublin 8

**Time:**

3:30pm - 6:00pm

**Further Information & Registration:**

Ticketed Event with limited availability. See [Eventbrite](#)

### Construction Products Regulation

**Date:**

23 February 2023

**Location:**

Hybrid Event - Online and In-person at The Glasshouse Hotel, Abbeyquarter North, Sligo

**Time:**

9:00am - 5:00pm

**Further Information & Registration:**

Online: [NBCO CPD - Online](#)

Physical: [NBCO CPD - In-Person](#)

### Indoor Air Quality and Level(s)

**Date:**

7 March 2023

**Location:**

Online / remote

**Time:**

3:00pm - 5:00pm

**Cost:**

€25.00 - €50.00

**Further Information & Registration:**

See [IGBC](#)

### National Construction Summit

**Date:**

21 March 2023

**Location:**

Sport Ireland Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

**Further Information & Registration:**

See [National Construction Summit](#)

### Ideal Home Show, Dublin

**Date:**

21-23 April 2023

**Location:**

RDS Simonscourt, Dublin

**Further Information & Registration:**

See [Ideal Home Show](#)