



## Welcome . . .

From the Centre Chair  
Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT

We've had an eventful few months with activity on all horizons, from CPD events to convening of new Sub-committees. CIAT in the Republic of Ireland is going from strength to strength and this is being noticed by the public and government departments.

We're continuing to engage with the **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage** in efforts to seek a meeting with Minister Alan Dillon and department representatives to demonstrate the milestones the set have been achieved. The next steps are to obtain a roadmap to statutory recognition for the **ATR**. More overleaf.

We're in the middle of the annual awards season and just one week away from the **AT Awards 2024** event in London. Like last year, are hoping for strong Irish representation at this high profile event which officially sold out it's new, larger venue for this year. Best of luck to all the Irish entries!

In the last newsletter, I was delighted to report on the formation of a BIM Sub-Committee in Ireland. This time, I'm pleased to announce the reformation of the **Technical Sub-Committee**, which plays a vital role in monitoring and responding to national consultations, technical guidance and legislation.

Finally, are you an ATR Registrant? Have you got your CIAT / ATR reusable mug and merchandise. We hope to meet many members at our upcoming events and provide you with some swag!

## Construction Contracts In-person CPD Event

Last year, our CPD Officer, Patrick Clarke MCIAT, undertook a survey of the Republic of Ireland membership to establish what they want to learn more about, the methods of learning and preferred days.

On **Tuesday, 17 September 2024**, we were delighted to have Quantity Surveyor and Construction Contract specialist, **Keith Kelliher**, present a full -day CPD event on Construction Contracts in Ireland in the 'Courtroom' in **Lawlor's of Naas, Co. Kildare**.

Throughout the day, Keith covered the wide range of construction contracts available, from the RIAI Forms of Contract to Public Works Contracts. He engaged the delegates with practical examples and stories from his vast experience. There was great engagement from those in attendance and the feedback on the event has been phenomenal.



We were also delighted to have **Keystone Group** sponsor the tea/coffee/refreshments and lunch on the day. **Cathal McShane** was on hand to present on Keylite Roof Windows and answer delegates queries on their products. We're also grateful for the spot prize of two **Croke Park Gaelic Football Championship** Match Tickets sponsored by Keystone Group which were raffled on the day.

## This Issue . . . at a glance

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

Update on the shadow Register and 2024 renewals

### The Arc

CIAT is a founding participant of this historic built environment online resource

### AGM 2024

Find out about this years AGM in Liverpool - and a very important update on AGM 2025!

### WorldSkills Exhibition

Learn more about our engagement in this 2-day event in the RDS, Dublin

### Technical Sub-committee

The reformation of the Technical Sub-Committee in Ireland

### 'Where it's AT' Podcast

Have you listened to the Architectural Technology Podcast yet? Learn more and check out Episode 4 now!

### Events

Some upcoming CPD events this Autumn / Winter.



# Architectural Technologists (Shadow)

## Register (ATR) Update

words by Michael O’Keeffe FCIAT, Centre Chair

Since the launch of the AT (Shadow) Register on **1 May 2023**, the Admissions & Assessment Board has received training and convened on five occasions. We’re delighted to advise that there are **93 Full ATR Registrants** who have successfully applied, been admitted and are now listed on [www.architecturaltechnologistregister.ie](http://www.architecturaltechnologistregister.ie). This includes unaffiliated Architectural Technologists who applied directly to join the ATR and were successful in becoming Full ATR Registrants.

# ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS’ REGISTER ATR

With all agreed milestones fulfilled, we have written to Minister for Housing, Darragh O’Brien TD, Minister of State, Alan Dillon and his Department representatives, to update them on what has been achieved and seeking a meeting with the **Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage** to obtain a **timeline for implementation** of a statutory register.

To all those who have applied to the ATR and renewed subscriptions for a second term, we are very grateful. Without you and your support, we could not have achieved this significant milestone and put the Government in a position where they now have to act and deliver on their promise.

This said, the need to demonstrate demand and viability remains and the ATR is open for applications. Remember, the purpose of the ATR is much more than providing the facility to act in the roles of Design and/or Assigned Certifier. Through demonstration of demand and achieving statutory recognition, Full ATR Registrants will achieve recognition on par with other registered professionals (Chartered Engineers, Registered Architects and Registered Building Surveyors).

The process for **Chartered Architectural Technologists** is **streamlined** having already demonstrated their knowledge, experience and competence to gain Chartership. All that is required is the following:

1. An up-to-date CV (max. 2 pages) and;
2. Payment of the €100 ATR subscription (six-month rate from 1 November 2024, valid until 30 April 2025)
3. Application issued to [atr@ciat.global](mailto:atr@ciat.global)

CIAT will then issue a letter of support confirming your eligibility for registration and this will be added to your ATR Admissions Board submission.

CIAT and members and affiliates in Ireland have been campaigning and working tirelessly on behalf of all practicing Architectural Technologists for over a decade in efforts to introduce a Statutory Register for competent Architectural Technologists. As previously mentioned, this is not only to allow registrants to act as **Design and/or Assigned Certifier** but to gain **recognition and parity** for the profession in Ireland, and secure the future of the discipline, for those who are studying Architectural Technology in our third-level institutes.

Please make contact any Committee Member should you require any assistance or support in applying to the ATR.

# Centre Committee 2023-2025

The Committee, which is currently meeting in-person or remotely every 2-3 months, is as follows:

Role	Member
Chair	Michael O’Keeffe FCIAT
Vice-Chair	Liam Cotter MCIAT
Secretary	Niall Culleton MCIAT
Councillor	Patricia Mulvey FCIAT
Treasurer	Liam Cotter MCIAT
CPD Officer	Patrick Clarke MCIAT
Practice Officer	Christophe Krief MCIAT
PR Officer	Patricia Mulvey FCIAT
Education Officer	‘Vacant’
Membership Officer	‘Vacant’
Chair   aspirATion	Karol Dempsey MCIAT
Chair   BIM	Jonathan Reinhardt MCIAT
Chair   Technical	Barry McCarron FCIAT
Committee Member	Sean Ryan (Affiliate)
Committee Member	Richard Burke MCIAT
Committee Member	Jonathan Reinhardt MCIAT
Committee Member	Chao Chen MCIAT

Contact details for members of the **Centre Committee** can be found on the Republic of Ireland page of the CIAT website or at [www.ciat.ie](http://www.ciat.ie).

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.

## AT Awards 2024

Celebrating Architectural Technology at its best, the AT Awards are recognised as the premier accolades, nationally and internationally, that demonstrate outstanding achievement in the discipline.



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

This year sees the introduction of additional award categories in the form of **Micro to Small Size Projects** (up to a value of £250,000 or equivalent) and **Project of the Year**, which is presented to a project selected at the discretion of the Judging Panel which is an outstanding example of Architectural Technology regardless of financial value from across the four categories. For more information, select the logo above to navigate to the Awards webpage.

The **AT Awards Event** takes place on **Friday, 25 October 2024 in London**. Tickets are officially SOLD OUT!

## The Arc

Together with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and the Institute of Conservation (Icon), CIAT is proud to be a founding participant of **The Arc** - an historic built environment online resource for clients and stakeholders.

The Arc's purpose is to help clients find specialist historic environment professionals, including **CIAT-Accredited Conservatorists**. It does this by signposting clients and stakeholders to the registers of the founding participants that contain contact details for accredited or similarly qualified individuals and businesses.

The goal is to help clients and stakeholders make informed decisions when choosing historic environment professionals. It simplifies access to and clarifies the benefits of engaging appropriately qualified and experienced professionals. Find out more at [The-Arc.uk](http://The-Arc.uk).

## CIAT AGM 2024 | Liverpool



The Annual General Meeting will take place at **The Spine, 2 Paddington Village, Liverpool** on **Saturday, 16 November 2024**. Formal notice was given on the Summer 2024 issue of AT Journal by the Chief Executive.

The AGM will be an 'in person' event allowing opportunity for members and affiliates to gather and network. Each Region and Centre has representation at the AGM, namely its Councillor and Voting Delegates, who have been elected to represent the membership by the Regional and Centre Committees. Any member or affiliate can attend the AGM, but you must register your attendance (email Joanne Rowlands: [j.rowlands@ciat.global](mailto:j.rowlands@ciat.global)). As a member or affiliate, you may take part in any debate at the AGM but cannot vote.

A **Conference**, consisting of two CPD Sessions together with a brief update on important Institute projects, will immediately follow the AGM. The CPDs with focus on **Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ)** and an insight to the design and construction of **The Spine** by AHR Architects.

CIAT North West Region warmly welcome you to Liverpool on the Friday evening before the AGM with an evening of food, friendship and fun at one of



Liverpool's most beautiful and iconic pubs, the **Philharmonic Dining Rooms**. All proceeds from the event are in aid of two charities, [Alder Hey House](#), Liverpool, and [Reuben's Retreat](#), Glossop, for children living with medical complexities and providing family support. Tickets are £25.00 and must be booked in advance - [Book Here](#).



## CIAT ROI Centre Social Initiatives

### AT WhatsApp Group

The WhatsApp group for like-minded architectural technologists in the Republic of Ireland continues to grow with over 70 participants from across the architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) industry in all parts of the country currently contributing. There has been great engagement and some light-hearted banter too!

Members regularly share knowledge and guidance on various issues including planning, change of use, Building Regulations guidance, contacts for engineering services 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.ciatireland@gmail.com](mailto:pr.ciatireland@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.

## CIAT Ireland Technical Sub-Committee

We're delighted to announce the re-formation of our Centre **Technical Sub-Committee** over the summer. This is a critical sub-committee whose purpose is to review regulations, legislation, prepare and make submissions in response to Public Consultations and publish technical information as it pertains to Architectural Technology for Irish members and affiliates.



The **Technical Sub-Committee** was reformed under the Chairmanship of Dr. Barry McCarron FCIAT (pictured) together with Karl O'Reilly MCIAT and David McGourty MCIAT. Each member brings with them specialist technical knowledge from years of education and practical experience. As a group, they have already met on three occasions and commenced preparing a strategy for their effective operation as a sub-committee. As there are currently no publications out for consultation, they are exploring **Technical Information Sheets (TIS)** and have already canvassed the membership for feedback on specific areas of interest.

The Sub-Committee shall remain at its current membership while they remobilise and get into a method of working at which point they will seek out similar members / affiliates with expertise in specific areas.

If there is anything in particular you would like to see explored or have further information available to the membership, please get in contact with Michael O'Keefe FCIAT at [chair.ciatireland@gmail.com](mailto:chair.ciatireland@gmail.com).

## WorldSkills Exhibition, RDS, Dublin

CIAT Republic of Ireland were delighted to partner with the **Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS)** and other professional institutes at the '**Building Heroes**' stand at the **WorldSkills Ireland Event** in the RDS, Dublin from 25-27 September 2024. The primary purpose was to showcase construction pathways and careers, including highlighting less well known paths to a variety of roles and professions to secondary school students and career guidance counsellors. Thanks to Patricia Mulvey FCIAT, Chao Chen MCIAT, Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT, Steffi Mindrut, ATR Administrator and James Banks, CIAT Head of Membership, for sharing the attendance at the stand over the three mornings.



## CIAT Ireland Xmas Social Gathering 2024



Join fellow ATs in bringing the year to a close by gathering in a fun and social environment at the **Athlone Springs Hotel**, Athlone, Co. Roscommon on **Friday, 29 November 2024**.

With a **drinks reception** followed by a **4-course Festive Dinner**, with a range of options for all palettes, and **live entertainment** with the 'Big Idea's Band' 'til late, this promises to be a great night.

In addition, for those travelling a distance, accommodation is available at a competitive rate in the hotel (to book, call 090 644 4444 and reference '**CIAT Ireland Dinner**').

All members, affiliates, unaffiliated ATs and partners are welcome. Bookings on [Eventbrite](#).



## Where It's AT - the Architectural Technology Podcast

This past July, CIAT launched **Where it's AT – the Architectural Technology Podcast**, dedicated to promoting the technology of architecture. In the podcast series, the ever-evolving relationship between technology, architecture, and the human experience is explored.

So, whether you're an Architectural Technologist (AT), Architect, designer, tech enthusiast, or just interested in buildings and technology, tune in to explore some of the most important subjects facing Architectural Technology, ATs, and the built environment today! Click the logo above to navigate to the Podcast site.

The podcast is also available across all major podcast platforms including Spotify and Amazon Music.



## Upcoming Events

### AT Awards 2024

**Dates:**

25 October 2024

**Location:**

Christ Church, Spitalfields, London

**Time:**

15:00 hrs - 21:30 hrs.

**Cost:**

SOLD OUT

**Information and Booking:**

You can find out all information on the Awards, including Finalists, on the [AT Awards](#) website. Follow social media channels for updates.

### Public Works Contracts

**Date:**

13 November 2024

**Location:**

Online

**Time:**

Full-day from 9:30hrs

**Cost:**

€485.00 (Early-bird up to 23 Oct)

€585.00 (Normal rate)

**Information and Booking:**

See [CMG Events](#)

### CIAT AGM & Conference 2024

**Date:**

16 November 2024

**Location:**

The Spine, 2 Paddington Village,

Liverpool L7 3FA

**Time:**

10:00 hrs - 16:00 hrs

**Further Information & Other Events:**

For further details and associated events over the AGM weekend, see [CIAT AGM](#) webpage.

### Introduction to BIM with ISO 19650 & Irish BIM Mandate

**Date:**

28-29 November & 5-6 December

**Location:**

Online (Classroom)

**Time:**

9:30 hrs - 12:30 hrs over 4 days as listed above.

**Cost:**

€445.00 (Member Fee)

€595.00 (Non-Member Fee)

**Information and Booking:**

See [Engineers Ireland](#).

CIAT BIM Sub-Committee Chair, Jonathan Reinhardt MCIAT, is delivering the course.