

## Welcome . . .

From the Centre Chair and Councillor  
Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT

This past Spring has been a hive of activity for CIAT and Architectural Technologists. We've been on the road with the National Construction Summit and the Irish Building Control Institute (IBCI) Conference as well as busy preparing for the Republic of Ireland biennial **General Business Meeting** event.

As I alluded to in the Winter newsletter, we have some measurable progress on the **ATR** with the launch of the shadow register on **1 May 2023** - more information overleaf. I was delighted to have the opportunity to address the attendees at the IBCI Conference where I presented a brief history of CIAT in Ireland and progress with the **ATR**.

This has generated significant awareness and we're hoping to build on this to apply further pressure to the Department and Minister to bring about the amendment to the Building Control Act 2007. As such, we now need **YOU**, our members and affiliates, to prevail upon your unaffiliated Architectural Technologist colleagues to assist CIAT in gaining the appropriate recognition for our profession by joining CIAT and/or registering on the **ATR**.

## General Business Meeting Event, Thurles, Tipperary

### Date:

Saturday, 13 May 2023

### Time:

12:00hrs - 18:00hrs (followed by dinner)

### Venue:

Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary E41 AP86

Tel: 0504 441 92

### Description:

Join us for an afternoon and evening full of insight, information and networking with fellow ATs and industry leading sponsors.

Once every two years, all the membership have the opportunity to meet the Centre Committee, raise pertinent items directly, partake in discussion and network with like-minded professionals for the benefit of the discipline.

We are now structuring this event to become the pinnacle of architectural technology events in Ireland and it's success once again relies on the membership to *'vote with their feet'*.

A variety of tickets are available below:

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Our preparations for the biennial General Business Meeting and opportunity for you to join the Committee

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Candidates are on the campaign trail with election taking place at Council in September.

### Chartered Environmentalist

What is it? Do you qualify? What are the benefits.



CIAT  
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ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS' REGISTER  
ATR

CIAT Republic of Ireland Centre welcome members, affiliates, students and fellow construction industry professionals to its biennial General Business Meeting.

Hear and discuss the latest news and updates in the construction industry in Ireland; learn about the latest updates on the progression of the ATR and how to register; meet fellow ATs and suppliers; maintain your continuing professional development; and join fellow members and affiliates for a social networking evening.

The event will be sponsored by industry leaders who will provide product information and CPD presentations on the day.

We are delighted to confirm the attendance of President-Elect, Eddie Weir MCIAT PPCIAT, as well as CIAT Membership Director and ATR Registrar, James Banks, to update all attendees on the recent significant progress of the ATR.




This is an event not to be missed. For more information and ticket options, go to Eventbrite and follow our social channels.

[Register now on eventbrite](#)

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incl. Tradeshow, CPD & Networking Dinner

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

On 1 May 2023, the **ATR** moved from a voluntary Register to a shadow Register. This is a significant step which is a result of consistently meeting the requirements put forward by the **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage** over the past number of years. Once live, the register will be open to competent architectural technologists to apply.

# ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS' REGISTER

# ATR

The purpose of this full-functioning shadow Register is to demonstrate to the **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage** and Minister that it aligns with the requirements set out in the Building Control Act 2007; there is a justified demand for such a Register; and it is viable on a statutory basis. To ensure the targets set by the Department are achieved and there are no further surprises to prolong the **ATR** being incorporated into the next amendment to the **Building Control Act**, regular update meetings with the Department and Minister will be held post launch.

It is important to note that, while the Register is in shadow form, those registrants will not be able to act as **Design and/or Assigned Certifiers** under **BC(A)R 2014**.

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. At the **General Business Meeting** in Thurles on Saturday, 13 May 2023, Membership Director and ATR Registrar, James Banks, will be present to provide an insight into the **ATR**, the requirements for registration and address any queries from those in attendance.

### How can you help?

There are a number of ways you can help progress the ATR.

- Those who are eligible should join the **ATR** Shadow Register;
- Offer your assistance by joining one of the ATR Boards.
- Identify suitable non-ATs to sit on the **ATR** Boards.
- Promote the launch and objectives of the shadow Register, and;
- Prevail upon your 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](https://ciat.ie) for further information on the joining or qualifying process by clicking on the following links:

[Join CIAT](#)

[Professional Assessment](#)

## We're now on Instagram!

We're delighted to announce that CIAT Republic of Ireland Centre have just joined **Instagram**! With the positive progress of the architectural technology discipline and profession in the Republic of Ireland, increased activity by the Centre and inspiring designs and projects by our increasing membership, we aim to generate an even larger audience with the visual media sharing app. Be sure to follow us for updates more!

## Guinness Storehouse Tour

with Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT, Centre Chair and Councillor

Our first event of 2023 was a complete sell-out within 24 hours! With tickets limited, there was high demand for this bespoke tour of the **Guinness Storehouse and Hub Building** in St. James', Dublin. We were delighted to combine with **RKD Architects** to gain first-hand insight into the challenges presented by the internal alterations to the **Storehouse, Gravity Bar** extension and new **Hub Building**.

The tour, led by Donal Murphy FCIAT, Stephen Doonan MCIAT and James Brady ACIAT, in three groups, commenced with an introduction of the project externally to all, with a background to the planning challenges overcome as well as a general orientation of the site.



Donal, Stephen and James provided a range of insights on the project to smaller groups, from the challenging brief by the client to the logistical hurdles of undertaking the extension works while maintaining a fully operational building, open to the public.



The tour concluded in the new **Gravity Bar** extension with a complimentary pint of Guinness and all convened in Arthur's Bar on the 5th Floor for light refreshments, reflection on the tour highlights and further networking.



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## National Construction Summit

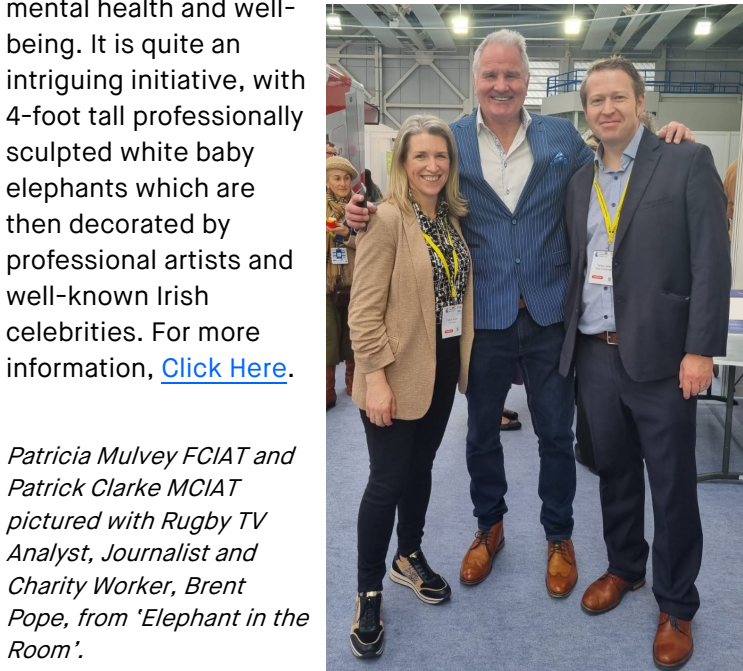
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We were back in the Sport Ireland Campus in Blanchardstown again on 21 March for the **National Construction Summit**. As well as a stand, this year we had speaker and moderator presence in the form of Committee Member, **Jonathan Reinhardt MCIAT**. At the stand, I was joined by Patricia Mulvey FCIAT and Patrick Clarke MCIAT as well as Jonathan and Richard Burke MCIAT in the afternoon. Jonathan chaired the morning session of presentations and moderated a panel discussion on **'The Latest Trends in Architecture, Design & Fit-Out'** on the Architecture Stage. In the early afternoon, Jonathan presented **'Zero to BIM! Digital Transformation for AEC Organisations'** to a large attendance (photo below).



Back at our stand, we were delighted to meet with members and affiliates, fellow construction professionals and exhibitors through-out the day. Enquiries ranged from **applying for membership, membership progression and building links with CIAT** through Education and CPD. We were able to share some positive updates on the ATR and advise visitors of our up-coming General Business Meeting on 13 May 2023. We are still in the process of contacting some visitors who left their contact details with us so be assured we will be in contact in the near future.

We were also adjacent to Brent Pope's **'Elephant in the Room'**, the national effort to get everyone talking about mental health and well-being. It is quite an intriguing initiative, with 4-foot tall professionally sculpted white baby elephants which are then decorated by professional artists and well-known Irish celebrities. For more information, [Click Here](#).



*Patricia Mulvey FCIAT and Patrick Clarke MCIAT pictured with Rugby TV Analyst, Journalist and Charity Worker, Brent Pope, from 'Elephant in the Room'.*

## 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 35 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.

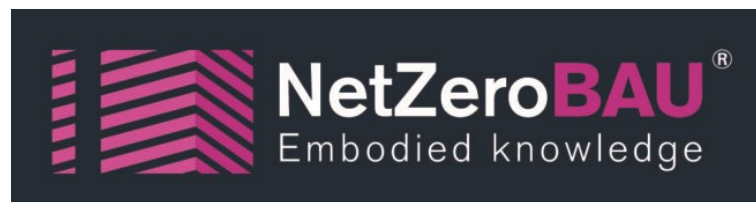
If you would like to be part of this group, please email [pr.ciatireland@gmail.com](mailto:pr.ciatireland@gmail.com).

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.

### Centre Committee 2023-2025

The Centre Committee is being elected for the next 2-year terms at the **General Business Meeting** on 13 May 2023. The meeting will open to the floor for expressions of interest to join on the day and, post the GBM, a short Committee Meeting will be held to elect members to the officer positions. This is your opportunity to join the Centre Committee and drive the discipline and profession forward in the Republic of Ireland.

If you are unable to join us on the day but would like to become involved in the **Centre Committee**, please get in contact with a member of the Centre Chair with an **Expression of Interest** and an up-to-date CV - our door is always open to members, affiliates and students.



### Meet your CPD targets with NetZerBAU!

**NetZeroBAU**, an online learning platform for design professionals, provides member-only original content aimed at helping designers to deliver next-generation high performance buildings. The platform features behind-the-scenes tours of ground-breaking case studies, bite-sized building science modules and podcasts on hot topics. New content is regularly uploaded, much like your favourite TV streaming service, so there is always something to look forward to. There are no adverts and none of the content is sponsored by manufacturers.

Sign-up for 1-months completely **FREE** access now at the image link above.

# Irish Building Control Institute Conference 2023

with Michael O’Keeffe FCIAT, Centre Chair and Councillor

Similar to last year, we were delighted to have a presence at the **Irish Building Control Institute Conference 2023** this year in Athlone, Co. Westmeath. A special thanks to Danny Kearney and Unilin Insulation who sponsored the Committee’s attendance and secured a presentation slot following lunch on Day 1.

For those who are unfamiliar, the conference is a one-and-a-half day event providing a wide ranging update on current developments for those involved in **Building Control** throughout Ireland and an opportunity to network with fellow professionals and construction industry suppliers. Speakers range from Department Advisors and Building Control Officers to leading industry suppliers and Fire Officers. There is also a trade exhibition in the refreshment lobby for suppliers to exhibit products, information and services to delegates.

As mentioned, we had the opportunity to present on Day 1 and chose to provide the delegates with a short history of **CIAT**, the role of the **Chartered Architectural Technologist** and our efforts to achieve a statutory register for competent Architectural Technologists. This was the first occasion where we advised of the launch of the shadow Register and the feedback was very positive.



## Chartered Environmentalist, CEnv

### What is it?

The global Built Environment sector is seeing an increasing number of complex sustainability and environmental challenges, and as a result, there is growing demand for professionals who have the knowledge and experience to help solve these issues. The **Chartered Environmentalist** qualification, **CEnv**, is a demonstration of a Chartered Architectural Technologist’s competence, professionalism, and dedication to providing solutions within this area.

### Do you qualify?

To become a **Chartered Environmentalist**, an applicant must:

- Be a **Chartered Architectural Technologist, MCIAT or FCIAT**;
- Have a relevant **Masters-level degree** or equivalent level of knowledge;
- Have sufficient, relevant and responsible **practical experience** to be able to demonstrate the competences;
- Demonstrate underpinning **knowledge related to the environment** and evidence of how it is applied in practice;
- Agree to comply with the Society for the Environment’s Code of Professional Conduct and CPD requirements of CIAT.

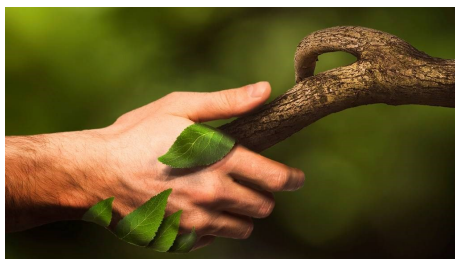
### What are the benefits?

Becoming a **Chartered Environmentalist** demonstrates that an individual has been judged by their peers to be working at the highest standards in the environmental aspects of their work. Successful applicants shall be entitled to use the title **Chartered Environmentalist** and the designatory letters ‘**CEnv**’ after their names. The professional title provides a clear way for environmental professionals to signal this knowledge and

expertise to employers, stakeholders, decision-makers and clients.

If you wish to obtain this recognition, you can find out more [here](#)

Plus there’s a **CEnv Workshop** via MS Teams with the **Society for the Environment** from 12:00pm–1:00pm on 30 May 2023 - email [cenv@ciat.global](mailto:cenv@ciat.global) to register.



## CIAT Elections 2023



For the effective operation of any professional body, it is essential that it elects positions from amongst its membership to allow it to function within its Charter. This year, there are three positions for election: **Honorary Secretary, Vice-President Education and Vice-President Practice.**

The candidates, who can be found [here](#), are on the campaign trail up to Election Date at **Council on 9 September 2023.**

Once you have considered the manifestos, we invite you to relay your views / preference to your **Centre Councillor, Michael O’Keeffe FCIAT** at [chair.ciatireland@gmail.com](mailto:chair.ciatireland@gmail.com) in order to consolidate the comments with the Centre Committee and take the consensus to ensure the vote is representative of the Centre.

## Upcoming Events

### Rothschool on Tour

#### Date:

11 May 2023

#### Location:

Dublin Wood Quay Venue, Fishamble St., Wood Quay, Dublin 8

#### Time:

9:30am - 4:30pm

#### Information & Registration:

Mass Timber Construction Event, register now at [Rothoblaas.com](https://rothoblaas.com)

### Build Green Now 2023

#### Date:

12 May 2023

#### Location:

The Gibson Hotel, Point Square, North Dock, Dublin 1

#### Time:

9:00am - 2:30pm

#### Agenda & Registration:

See [IGBC.ie](https://igbc.ie)