



Annual Signature Event 2023

"The Building Safety Act - are you Ready?"

The Grenfell fire in June 2017 with the loss of 72 lives sent shock waves across the whole of the country and specifically the construction industry. The government's response to the disaster is The Building Safety Act (applicable to England and Wales) which is set to transform how tall structures are designed, constructed and managed, with the Government describing the changes proposed as the biggest for almost four decades. Similar legislation is planned for both Scotland and Northern Ireland. All Clients, Designers, Builders, Constructors, and Building Control will all have to comply with the resulting culture change that is about to take place across the construction industry. The event will address the impact of the Act on the industry, both locally and nationally, with specific reference to construction professionals and what they can expect practically ensure compliance with the Act in the realms of culture change, competence and legal implications.

Our speakers:



Graham Watts OBE is Chief Executive of CIC and a member of the Industry Response Group, set up by the MHCLG in the immediate aftermath of the Grenfell Tower tragedy and Chaired the Competence Working Group set up to assist Dame Judith Hackitt's Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety. Following the report publication he is now Chair of the Steering Group charged with implementing the recommendations on improving competence for all those engaged in designing, construction, managing and maintaining higher-risk residential buildings, this includes oversight of the competence work being carried out in the Fire and Rescue Services.

Lorna Stimpson's BSc. FCIQB FCABE FCMI is Chief Executive of LABC Lorna is an enthusiastic and innovative leader with the ability to form strong working relationships. She is dedicated to fostering a culture of professional and ethical standards within the building control sector and in raising the profile of public service building control and has a proven track record in delivering complex projects and strategic reform. Lorna works with DLUHC, HSE, National Fire Chiefs Council and the Local Government Association as a member of the Joint Regulators' Group defining, piloting, and testing the new regulatory approaches. She sits on the Building Regulations Advisory Committee (BRAC) and the Interim Industry Competence Committee (IICC). Lorna is a Board Director of LABC; the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the Building Safety Competence Foundation (BSCF); she sits on the BSI technical committee for competence in the built environment and other professional committees focussed on improving standards and outcomes in the construction industry.



Joan's McCoy is a founding director of White Ink Architect, her expertise spans both design for client teams and advice on design development, due diligence, risk and buildability for construction teams. She has a strong ability to think strategically informs her design work which varies from finding innovative solutions for technical issues, to large complex university, industrial, commercial and residential new build and refurbishment projects, in both the public and private sector. Joan is a Past President of the Royal Society of Ulster Architects (RSUA), a member of the Queen's University School of Architecture's Professional Liaison Committee, a Sentinus, Construction and STEM Ambassador, and a member of the Northern Ireland Building Regulatory Committee (NIBRAC), responsible for reviewing changes to the NI Building Regulations. Joan previously sat on the Arts Council Architecture Working Party (development of Policy on Architecture for the Arts Council/adoption by NI assembly) and has tutored at

Queen's University Belfast. In 2015 Joan was awarded 'Best Woman Architect' in the European Women in Construction (WICE) Awards and was a finalist in the 'Inspirational Leader' category in the Women in Construction Awards 2006. She has also been involved in many award winning projects within the office.



Anthony Taylor MSc, HonRICS, EurOSHM, MBCI, CMIOSH, MIIRSM, PIEMA, OSHCR is proprietor of Resolve Risk Ltd. Interim Chair Building Safety Alliance, Chair of CSG Working Group 8, Industry Lead for PAS 8673, and member Steering Group for PAS 8671 and PAS 8672. Member of BSI Committee for Standards in Built Environment CBP/1, Member of H&S Committee for The Property Institute (TPI), The Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management (IWFM) and the Association for Project Safety (APS). Chair of Greenwich University's Built Environment Industry Liaison Group. Anthony has worked in both the public and private sector within the built environment, and has had a career which includes working in insurance and as a risk manager for a global tour operator. Anthony has long promoted the concept of integrated management systems, including GRC, sustainability, energy conservation, and BCM, HS&E, governance and 'compliance', with operational risk and liability management remaining 'in the field' with support from a panel of experts at centre.

John Dugdale a partner in Carson McDowell and specialises in construction and property disputes. John advises on the entire project delivery process from end to end. He is familiar with the drafting and negotiation of all of the standard forms of contract used in Northern Ireland and elsewhere including the JCT, NEC and FIDIC forms. He has extensive experience of working with contractors, subcontractors, consultants, clients, funders and insurers in a wide variety of market sectors. He has extensive experience in property litigation, having worked for a number of high profile clients on a variety of contentious real estate issues, including security of tenure, lease termination and dilapidations. He also frequently advises clients on issues such as nuisance, breach of quiet enjoyment and derogation from grant arising out of active and proposed property developments. John is ranked as "Up and Coming" by Chambers UK and as a "Next Generation Partner" in The Legal 500 guide."



This will be a virtual conference event, to be held on the 20th April 2023

Full details will be published on 'Eventbrite' booking open from 18th March 2023.

Programme

Time	Speaker	Topic
20th April 2023		
11:00am	Chairman's Welcome	David Fletcher , CPCNI Chairman
11:05am	Graham Watts	The Act and a Cultural Change
11:25 am	Anthony Taylor	The Act and the Golden Thread
11:45am	Lorna Stimpson	Building Control and the Designer
12:05pm	Joan McCoy	The design process and a practical approach
12:25pm	John Dugdale	Potential legal impact of the Building Safety Act
12:45am to 1:00pm	Q & A Panel	David Fletcher , CPCNI Chairman
	Chair's closing remarks	

Date: 20th April 2023

Venue: Digital Platform, joining instructions issued prior to event

Cost: £60.00 per person

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Fulltime students (no charge)

So Who Should Attend?

All those involved with construction projects

Client Representatives; Construction Professionals (Project managers; Architects; Architectural Technologists; Engineers; Surveyors; Facilities Managers); Contractors and specialist contractors; Central & local Government Officers; Developers; Housing Association representatives; Legal Professionals (Barristers and Solicitors); Students