

10:00 Welcome and introduction

Future skills

Future proofing skills

The majority of house builders have placed skills shortages within the industry high on the risk register of factors that could adversely affect their businesses and the problem around this isn't easing. CITB Scotland will advise us on the facts behind this and what can be done to alleviate and manage this going forward.

Skills and Quality - innovation from a sub-contractor

Sub-contractors play a critical role in attracting new entrants and ensuring their workforce has the skills to meet the technical standards and capacity challenge of a vibrantly growing home building sector.

We will hear from a sub-contractor who has taken the lead in the development of a new qualification and training program specific to home building, and learn how their innovative blended approach to training has delivered exceptional results in terms of quality, safety and productivity.

This work is of particular interest as a model which has the potential to be adopted or adapted by home builders and subcontractors working across our sector.

Digital House Building - the business case for change

Stewart Milne Group, in partnership with CITB, have completed a pilot study investigating the Return on Investment case for digital working as a leading medium sized private house builder. Stewart Dalgarno, Director of Product Development at SMG, will present the findings and showcase a vision for digital house building in the future.

Coffee, networking and exhibition

Future standards

Future regulatory framework

Following the Grenfell fire tragedy and the Edinburgh schools construction defects the Scottish Government established two Review Panels to review the Building Regulations in relation to Fire Safety and Enforcement and Compliance. So what might the future look like - we'll receive an update from a Building Standards Department representative on the possible changes in the Building Regulations.

Regulations and Standards - a common approach

Some critical areas of housing construction are the subject of both building regulation requirements as well as warranty standards. It's therefore important that a joined up approach is taken to satisfy both and we take a look at some of the challenging areas in recent times.

Lunch, networking and exhibition

Future quality

The importance of material selection and installation - considering the impact

This session will provide a detailed update on the decision making process for product selection. Understanding the risks of installing poor materials on site and the impact on the quality and success of the construction of the home.

HSE view and NHBC best practice from the Health and Safety Awards

The HSE sets the context for the Health & Safety framework with many different approaches being taken to achieve safe working environments. So how do your practices fit into the standards that the industry is achieving? We'll take a look.

15:30 Close