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Wales Conference

Celebrating Welsh innovation and seizing opportunities for a greener brighter future



Type of event

Face to face



CPD Hours

5.5
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It's an exciting and pivotal time for Wales, as significant funding and investment is creating new opportunities and developments across the built environment, including transport, education, housing, renewable energy, and redesigning existing and new buildings.

This in-person conference will provide invaluable knowledge of the different government schemes, latest infrastructure projects and any key regulatory changes, to ensure professionals remain at the forefront and know how to engage in these new projects.

Discover how Wales is driving sustainability and achieving net zero goals from utilising natural resources, retrofitting existing properties, and providing the blueprint for the development of net zero schools and inspiring the next generation.

Enrich your knowledge with essential CPD and through networking with your peers and leading experts, for the chance to discuss national challenges and solutions together.

RICS Wales Conference

4 June 2024

Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9XR

08:30	Registration & networking
09:30	Welcome Remarks from the Conference Chair Ian Steele FRICS, Associate, ChandlerKBS
09:35	Welcome by RICS Emma Causer, Market Director UK & Ireland, RICS
09:45	Opening address Built environment outlook: what can we learn from current trends? Explore how the industry is affected by the latest politics, economics, and market conditions. Nick Bennett, Director, Strategic Advisory, Savills
10:15	Building Up Wales: Professional insights from the construction sector David Kirby, Policy and Public Affairs Officer, CIOB
10:45	Conference break and networking
11:15	Sustainability & Net Zero Explore how renewable energy is fundamental to net zero ambitions. This session will provide key updates on the different renewable energy projects, their latest challenges and how we can support or engage in the net zero journey. Ben Lewis, Project Director, Bute Energy Dr. Jenifer Baxter, Deputy Chair, National Infrastructure Commissioner ... for Wales Jennifer Pride, Head of Energy Delivery, Welsh Government
12:10	Exploring the current challenges to Building safety This session will provide an overview of the key regulatory and industry updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Navigating the latest updates to the BSA- How much of an issue is RAAC? Mark Tambini BEng (Hons) C.Build E FCABE, Head of Building Regulations Policy, Welsh Government Richard Baker, Deputy Director, Welsh Government
12:50	Lionheart presentation
13:00	Lunch break
14:00	Breakout Sessions Breakout Chair: Emma Woods, Director, Currie & Brown

14:00	<p>1A - Energy Efficiency Residential retrofit - the opportunities for surveyors in Wales Due to the significant focus on residential decarbonisation, it's vital that surveyors keep aware of that latest retrofitting opportunities, whether it's through funding from government schemes or from private housing. This session will provide critical insight to support surveyors looking to engage, bid for work and learn more about the RICS Residential Retrofit Standard and PAS2035.</p> <p>Panel moderator: Sam Rees, Senior Public Affairs Officer, RICS Cerys Williams, Partnerships Manager, Sero Chris Jofeh, Former Chair, Independent Implementation Group on the Decarbonisation of Existing Homes, Welsh Government</p> <p>1B -Valuation session Council tax reforms in Wales and mass appraisal The latest on policy proposals in Wales to reform the council tax system and the work the Valuation Office Agency is undertaking to prepare to deliver these.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating Council tax bands - The role of mass appraisal technology <p>Rob Dickinson MRICS, Head of Valuation for CT reform and Mass Appraisal, Chief Valuer Group, VOA Alan Colston BSc (Hons) MRICS, Dip Rating, Chief Valuer, Valuation Office Agency</p>
14:45	<i>Transfer between sessions</i>
14:50	<p>2A. Learning net zero in Wales: creating net zero schools Discover how net zero schools are tackling climate change, providing design blueprints, and inspiring the next generation. Sharing the lessons learned and how data can help inform future school buildings, as well as its broader implications for sustainability and achieving net zero objectives.</p> <p>Jane O'Leary MRICS MCIOB, Sector Director, Education, ISG</p> <p>2B -Refurbishing and repurposing listed buildings This session will present key learnings from recent refurbishment projects and how working on certain buildings can unearth fascinating discoveries and unexpected challenges. This session will explore how to navigate these challenges and ensure that we can adapt buildings to meet modern needs and net zero targets.</p> <p>Claire Deacon MA MRICS IHBC, Historic Building Surveyor and Project Management, Marloes Conservation Ltd.</p>
15:35	Networking and refreshment break
16:00	<p>Navigating new horizons: shaping the future of surveying talent in Wales Join us for an insightful session delving into the critical issues surrounding talent acquisition and development in the surveying profession within Wales. We'll explore innovative strategies aimed at attracting and nurturing the next generation of surveyors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examining how technological advancements are shaping the future of surveying and enhancing efficiency.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain valuable insights into the latest initiatives and resources offered by RICS Matrix to support emerging professionals. • Stay updated on the newest RICS guidance aimed at fostering diverse and inclusive workplaces. Discover practical resources available to members and firms for promoting a culture of respect and equality. <p>Lindsay Richards MRICS FCABE C BuildE, Managing Director, Richards Partnership Ltd Matt Haynes BSc (Hons) MRICS, Senior Quantity Surveyor, Glyndwr Consulting Ltd Tomi Laguda, Membership DEI Manager, RICS</p>
16:55	Closing remarks from the Conference Chair Ian Steele FRICS , Associate, ChandlerKBS
17:00	End of conference

RICS Awards – 17:30 – 19:30
 Join us for a free drinks reception to celebrate the RICS Wales Awards

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