

Project Milestone at the new Forensic Science Laboratory, Celbridge, Co. Kildare

We have officially achieved a new milestone at the new Forensic Science Laboratory in Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

We have reached six months on site and despite Covid-19 restrictions and the site closure throughout lockdown fantastic progress has been made.

Drainage works and road realignment works are complete. Carpark 1,2 and the access road has received its first layer of tar.

The RC Frame is progressing well with all ground and first floor slabs poured. The block work has commenced in wings B&C. Mechanical and electrical works are due to commence later this month.

The Forensic Science Laboratory is primarily a new three-storey development with four wings that radiate from a central four storey core. Each wing provides a mixture of laboratory and office accommodation on the ground and first floors.

The second floor level accommodates the plant required to service the laboratories below.

The central core provides all the shared communal facilities including double height public and staff entrances, the library, meeting rooms, board room and dining facilities.

This core block is designed as an atrium space with natural

ventilation and smoke extraction in the event of a fire. A single storey L-shaped block accommodates the ancillary services including boiler, electrical substation, and gas stores.

Once complete the new Forensic Science Ireland Laboratory will house the recently established DNA database and will provide FSL with a long awaited modern facility, which will ensure the continuing growth and development of Forensic Science in Ireland.

The total development has a floor area of 14,585m².



Stepaside Housing Development

We are delighted that excellent progress is being made on the state's first cost-rental housing scheme [Stepaside Housing Development], despite being closed for almost two months due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Prior to closure of the site at the end of March structural work was well on the way to completion.

Since the site has re-opened strict measures have been put in place to protect workers, subcontractors, suppliers and visitors whilst allowing works to continue.

The external façade is progressing well along with the civil elements of the project. A large portion of the project will be weather tight before the end of October in order to advance internal works throughout the winter months.

Comprising three five storey apartment blocks with single level basements, two blocks of terraced housing and a community amenity facility, the Enniskerry Road development will provide a welcome boost to Dublin's social housing stock.

On completion the scheme will provide rental accommodation near Sandyford at prices up to 30 percent below market costs.

The works include the construction of 155 dwellings consisting of 30. No. 1 bed apartments; 77 No. 2 bed apartments; 18 No. 2 bed duplex units; 4 No. 2 bed houses; and 26 No. 3 bed houses.

Despite the delay, it is anticipated that the project will be delivered in line with its original completion date in 2021.



Increased focus on Training & Development

In what was an unprecedented turn of events earlier this year construction, along with many other industries was deemed not to be an essential service and construction workers were ordered to stay at home.

All construction sites closed with immediate effect on March 27th for a seven-week period until the 18th of May. Our offices remained closed until the 7th of September.

Once this announcement was made, we took the decision to make the best use of the time made available to us. Instead of our workforce sitting idle we invested heavily in the training and further development of our team.

Over the course of 4 weeks, 56

training sessions took place over a broad range of topics. The training was delivered through Microsoft Teams with training schedules and invitations being issued at the beginning of each week. We utilised both internal and external training providers available to us to provide and fulfill our training requirements. The schedule proved to be very popular with our staff and we began to receive specific training requests to upskill in certain areas, which of course we fulfilled.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated by attending the online training sessions and to those that participated by providing presentations to fulfill the training requirements.

Special thank you to Michael Greene (Quality Manager) and John Butler (Contracts Director) for Coordinating the Schedule.

Irish Construction Industry Awards

The Irish Construction Industry Awards were launched in 2014 to recognise, encourage and celebrate original and innovative contractors, businesses, teams, consultants and projects that demonstrate excellence in the built environment.

This year we made submissions in two categories and we are thrilled to announce that both projects which we entered were shortlisted.

The categories which we have been shortlisted in are:

- Health Project of the Year – 100 Bed Nursing Facility, Peamount Healthcare

- Conservation Project of the Year – Historic Leinster House

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the awards have been rescheduled to take place on December 10th at the Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin.

The awards ceremony will be part studio based and live awards delivery, the Irish Construction Industry Awards will be available to an expanded audience and will be full of new features and benefits.

We are looking forward to the Gala Awards ceremony.



COVID-19 Safe Return to Work

We were delighted to re-open our construction sites on the 18th of May after a seven-week closure. Although we were relieved to eventually return to normality, we were apprehensive at the same time as this would be a new normal.

The industry as a whole was under immense scrutiny as we were leading the safe return to work under the Government's 'Return to Work Safely' protocol.

We recognised from the beginning the importance for us as a sector to show that we could return to work safely and that we could comply with all new protocols to ensure a safe work space and to allow our industry to bounce back as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Prior to returning to work and re-opening our construction sites we ensured that we were fully compliant with the steps set out in the 'Construction Sector C-19 Pandemic Standard Operating Procedure' document.

As a team we developed a Standard Management Operating Procedure and a Site-Specific Operating Procedure tailored to accommodate each of our site's requirements.

We have been grateful of the support provided to us as industry members by the CIF (Construction Industry Federation) and by the newly formed C-19 Working Group, who devised the C-19 SOP and the C-19 Induction Programme. Without this proactive approach we would not have been able to return to work so efficiently or smoothly.

As always, our priority is on the health and safety of all our stakeholders as we continue to ensure that we provide a clean and safe place to carry out works, to protect all of our stakeholders, their families and our communities.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all that have embraced the new protocols enabling us to continue to work safely.

Irish Construction Excellence Awards

We were delighted to have been shortlisted for a number of awards at the upcoming prestigious Irish Construction Excellence (ICE) Awards.

The ICE Awards are the original and premier recognition of performance excellence for the contracting sector in Ireland. The ICE Awards provide an opportunity for the industry to showcase and reward best practice across the full range of construction disciplines and project categories.

Duggan Brothers have been shortlisted in a total of 4 categories, as follows:

- Commercial under €10M – The Irish Stock Exchange (Euronext)
- Education Building – UCD Lochlann Quinn Extension
- Healthcare Building – 100 Bed Nursing Facility, Peamount Healthcare
- Public or Heritage Building – Historic Leinster House

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the Gala Awards night cannot go ahead as originally planned this year. Instead the ICE Awards will be running behind closed doors and will be live streamed on the 7th of November.



Duggan Brothers

Covid-19 Execution Plan (Corporate Level) - Rev. 1

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RIAI Awards

Historic Leinster House has been selected as one of the nominees in this year's 2020 RIAI Public Choice Award.

The major conservation and restoration works at Historic Leinster House were undertaken between December 2017 and August 2019.

Every aspect of the house from the basement to the attic and roof was carefully restored and conserved, breathing new life

back into the building.

Historic Leinster House has been successfully preserved for future generations of members as the home of Parliamentary democracy and for many thousands of welcome visitors each year.

The RIAI Awards are the premier architectural awards in Ireland recognising excellence in design and the contribution made by architecture to society.



COVID-19 Tracker App

We launched our COVID-19 Tracker App Prize draw across all Duggan Brothers sites. This scheme has been launched across our sites in order to incentivise all site staff and operatives to participate in using the COVID-19 Tracker App.

With the recent rise in cases and the increasing restrictions it is more important than ever that we do our best to slow the spread of the virus and to ensure that we are working safely at all times.

The App is designed to help speed up reporting and tracing from the first onset of the symptoms of COVID-19, making the app's role in testing and contact tracing vital to the continued momentum of Irish society and business. If you have not already downloaded the App please do so in order to keep you, your family and the people around you safe.

Download the COVID Tracker app

at covidtracker.ie to be in with a chance of winning a **One for All Voucher**.

Once you have downloaded the App, put your name in the box provided. The winner will be selected at random from this box. The winner will be required to show proof of having the app on their mobile device before receiving their prize.

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Stay safe. Protect each other.

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Project update on our BESS Energy Project, Co. Offaly.

We have recently reached the significant Project Milestone of Construction Stage Gate Completion on the 110kV Substation in Lumcloon, Co. Offaly.

The Station is now being Commissioned by ESB in advance of the Planned Energization of the Station in December 2020.

Significant progress has also been made on the 110/33kV IPP Substation and Lumcloon Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with the recent completion of the 40 no MVPS and Battery Container installation.



Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal will be running online this year due to COVID-19. You can now make a donation online and build your shoebox online at Teamhope.ie.

Every €20 donation will enable a child to receive a Christmas shoebox. Team Hope's network of local partners in Africa

and Eastern Europe will use the funds donated to purchase items for the shoeboxes, which will then be delivered straight into the hands of children affected by poverty.

You can make a donation on www.teamhope.ie to send a shoebox gift to a child in need.



TEAM HOPE
Christmas shoebox appeal

Well done Michéal Keogh

We were delighted to present Michéal Keogh with a Certificate of Bravery at The Forensic Science Laboratory, Backweston, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

Michéal undertook an enormous act of heroism whilst holidaying in Co. Kerry by coming to the rescue of a ten-year-old boy along with three other relatives who got into difficulty at Com Dhíneol (Coumeenole) beach near Ceann Sléibhe (Slea Head). His efforts constituted a

spectacular act of bravery, he thought nothing of risking his own life during the rescue operation. We are extremely proud to have such an exceptional individual working with us as part of our team.

Well done Michéal!



BREXIT: What you need to know



As members of the EU, Ireland is required to comply with the Construction Products Regulation 305/2011.

There are 566 Harmonised Standards (including their amendments) currently that exist within the CPR 305/2011 based on the latest list available (20.12.19). All Construction Products and Materials that are within these standards must produce a Declaration of Performance and affix a CE mark on the product / material / packaging.

We have been gathering and compiling numerous DOP documents over the past number of years which are available to all DBL Staff on our cloud storage system (Quality Folder).

We need to continue to be vigilant with the current and upcoming changes in our industry and ensure that we continue to comply with the required regulations.

The Brexit Transition Period is due to end on 31 December 2020. From January 1, the UK will be outside the single market and customs union.

Brexit is and will impact on the Irish Construction Industry that we need to take into consideration now, in particular;

- Current Products and Materials that have a DOP must have a DOP assessed by a Notified Body from within an EU27 country post 31.12.20.
- Technical Submittals may need to be updated with revised DOP's
- Assess alternative options for products / materials required in 2021, if your current DOP's do not have a notified body in the EU27 by 31.12.20.
- Demand for Products and Materials is being impacted by Brexit, so plan ahead and order in good time
- There will be an increase in cost due to tariffs, exchange rates and potential project delays.

Our Purchasing Dept. and Quality Dept. are continuing to assess DOP's and engage with our supply chain. However, all staff must check that DBL and our Sub-Contractors Products and Materials, including PPE are compliant with the applicable regulations and standards.

Leopardstown Racecourse Development

Our contract for Leopardstown Racecourse is reaching the final stages.

The latest images show the Weigh Room Building & Winners Podium which was handed over recently in time for the Longines Irish Champions Weekend.



Dorset Street Hotel Development

Works are progressing well on the new 6 story, 163-bed hotel on the site of the former North Dublin Tavern 'The Big Tree'.

The frame is complete, and the façade is due for completion next month. Internally, the fit-out is progressing well with bedroom finishes underway throughout all floors.

The mixed-use hotel and retail development will have an overall gross floor area of 5,820sq.m, comprising a part-three to part-four storey building onto Dorset Street Lower and a part-four to part-six storey building, with the sixth storey set back, over a single basement, onto North Circular Road. Retail use will be accommodated at ground level with hotel accommodation above.

The new development for Dublin Loft Company is due for completion in March 2021..



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