

Arran Street Hotel

We are delighted to have been appointed Main Contractor on the new eight storey, 273-bedroom hotel on the site of the existing Fruit and Vegetable Wholesale Warehouse in Dublin's Markets area for Creekvale Ltd.

The hotel will be located at Arran Street East and Little Mary Street adjacent to the historic Fruit & Vegetable Markets.

The new hotel development will make a notable contribution to the continued rejuvenation of the area by generating footfall and

activity. In addition, the development will redevelop and existing underused property and enable the provision of high quality, modern hotel accommodation.

The development will consist of demolition of the existing 2 no. to 3 no. storey buildings & construction of a part 5 & part 8 storey 273 bedroom hotel building of approximately 9,600.30sq.m over a single basement, with frontages to Arran Street East and Little Mary Street.



Lumcloon & Shannonbridge BESS Facilities

The Lumcloon 100MW BESS Facility and Shannonbridge 100MW BESS Facility have both officially reached energisation!

The new BESS plants will be in keeping with the heritage and tradition of power generation in the area of the two sites, albeit with a modern technology, reflecting the evolution of the power industry through the years.

The BESS projects utilise high power batteries to provide system services to suit the Irish Power System need, under the DS3 System Service Programme.

The BESS will provide system services to the Power System, which are required by the system operator to enhance the management of the transmission grid, ultimately increasing the stability, and improving the reliability of the electricity supply to consumers.

Duggan Brothers are delighted to have managed the construction and energisation of both these highly effective and efficient source of system services to the power system, offering high availability with minimal down time for maintenance outages.



Launch of the 2020 Annual Report of Forensic Science Ireland

The Minister for Justice, Heather Humphreys TD, launched the 2020 Annual Report of Forensic Science Ireland (FSI) following a visit to the site of the new laboratory in Backweston Campus, Co. Kildare.

The new laboratory will be a world class facility that will serve the operational needs of Forensic Science Ireland (FSI) for many decades to come.

It will be equipped to a very high standard with Physical; Chemical and DNA Analysis laboratories and related technical areas, with significantly more capacity than exists today.

The new laboratory is on track for completion in summer 2022.



Dublin Simon Community – New 100 Bed Medical Centre

We recently marked the first major milestone for Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd; the Department of Housing; and the Dublin Simon Community on the new 100-Bed Medical Centre for the Dublin Simon Community.

The formal contract signing took place on Tuesday 27th of July for the greatly anticipated €23M Medical Centre, which will provide fantastic support for Dublin's homeless population. Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien was in attendance on the day to show his support for the new facility.

We are delighted to have been appointed Main Contractor for the construction of this much needed facility and look forward delivering a facility that will meet the needs of the homeless population.

Construction works on the new 100-bed facility are due to commence on Monday 9th August, with works expected to take 30 months to complete. The new facility will be located at Usher's Island and will be partially funded by the Department of Housing and will be operated by the Dublin Simon Community.

When completed the facility will deliver residential medical, treatment and recovery services to meet the complex healthcare needs of people experiencing homelessness in Dublin, including detox, rehabilitation, semi-acute medical procedures and blood borne virus stabilisation. In recent months these services have been moved temporarily to other locations in the city in order to decant the site for the construction phase



Friends of Liam Foundation

We were delighted to present Paul Kelly, from the 'Friends of Liam Foundation' with a donation at our 'Forensic Science Laboratory' project in Celbridge, Co. Kildare, in June of this year.

Additionally, more recently to mark CIF Safety Week 2021, FSL site staff made a donation of €1000 to Friends of Liam Foundation's, Ronnie McArdle.

Paddy Thornton (DBL) was joined by Hugh Dolan Senior

Architect, Major Projects OPW in making the presentation.

The Friends of Liam Foundation vision is to live in a community which accepts and supports families and children with autism, special needs and children diagnosed with childhood cancer.

We are delighted to have been able to contribute in order to support their vision.



Theresa Buckley Memorial Award

Ronnie Byrne and James Maguire were presented with the Health and Safety Excellence Award for outstanding commitment to our EHS Practices in memory of Theresa Buckley, who recently passed away.

Ronnie and James have both shown continuous commitment to the implementation of our Environment Health and Safety systems and procedures.

Both were highly commended in regard to the work they carry out to ensure all EHS systems are implemented, and this is greatly appreciated by DBL.

The Awards were presented in absentia at our Summer BBQ on the 3rd of September 2021.



CIF Safety Week 2021

The Construction Industry Federation (CIF) Safety Week 2021 took place from the 25th – 29th of October.

The CIF Health and Safety Sub Committee chose five key topics to focus on throughout the week. The topics were as followed – Drive Safe; Mind Your Health; Work Safe at Height; Safe Lifting; Safe Plant and Managing Hazardous Energies.

We were delighted to welcome Tom Parlon and Dermot Carey from the CIF to officially launch CIF Safety Week 2021 at the Forensic Science Laboratory Project, Backweston, Co. Kildare.

Both Tom and Dermot joined us

in our efforts to create awareness around all aspects of our health – physical, mental and financial.

The theme on the day of the launch was 'Mind your Health' – Help inside the Hard Hat. Rory O'Connor (Rory's Stories) and Bill Hill (Light House Club Charity) spoke to the entire site team on the various aspects of physical, mental and financial health.

The Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity is the online charity that provides emotional, physical and financial wellbeing support to construction workers and their families. They provide a free and confidential 24/7 Construction Industry Helpline which is a free Employee Assistance Programme for the Industry. The helpline provides the first point of contact for those who need to access a

range of completely confidential support services.

Additionally, throughout the week we had Willie Keague from Nationwide Safety Training delivering information sessions on Working at Height Safely and representatives from Proactive Safety delivering toolbox talks on Safe Lifting and Safe Plant.

Construction Safety week gives us the opportunity as a company to reflect on all aspects of health, safety and wellbeing, as well as promoting the importance throughout the workforce and striving to eliminate avoidable accidents. We would like each and everyone one of you to remember that safe work practices should be adhered to every single day and not just on CIF Safety Week. Remember – Avoid the Worst, Put Safety First.



Trip to Tipp 2021

Congratulations to all participants that took part in our annual 'Trip to Tipp' summer cycle on the 3rd of September!

The Cycle was followed by our Annual Summer BBQ. It was fantastic to be able to bring the team together again after such a long time spent apart.

This event ran in full compliance with Covid-19 Government Protocol. All participants were fully vaccinated and had taken Rapid Antigen Tests prior to the event.



European Council of Construction Economists

We were once again delighted to welcome visitors to our site when the 'European Council of Construction Economists' (CEEC) delegation visited our Enniskerry Road project.

The SCSi hosted CEEC representatives from across Europe in Dublin last week. This project which is nearing completion comprises 155 homes along with associated external works at Enniskerry Road, Stepside, Co Dublin.



Dorset Street Hotel

As works are in the final stages of completion on the Dorset Street Hotel Development, we have taken time to reflect on some of the challenges that the project has presented and how we overcame them.

One of the biggest challenges that we faced throughout this project was to retain the existing façade at ground floor and above first floor while removing the existing basement floor, walls, ground floor internal walls and floor slab. We Excavated the basement and constructed a new slab and frame to above ground floor level.

In order to successfully complete the works, we installed a new structural steel frame above ground floor to first floor level in order to carry the existing building, also supporting the existing frame from 1st to 3rd floor with new structural steel.

A temporary works solution was designed and installed starting with pads foundations excavated and concreted below the new proposed basement floor slab. Installation of a temporary structural steel frame from basement to 3rd floor. The building was completely supported on this frame and all existing masonry and steel supports removed below the first floor.

The existing façade at ground floor level on Dorset Street and North Circular Road was retained. In addition, the existing brick façade above 1st floor on all four elevations was retained. A new RC frame from basement to ground floor and a new structural frame from ground floor to fourth floor. A new roof and drainage install along with new windows to the hotel bedrooms. Above 1st floor will form part of the new Hendrick Hotel.



Stepaside Cost Rental Development

The State's first purpose-built cost rental scheme has officially launched Applications for the state's first purpose-built cost rental scheme, located off the Enniskerry Road, on Dublin's south side.

We are delighted to be delivering this project for both Respond and Tuath Housing, which will offer low- and middle-income households the choice of a more affordable, long term and stable form of rental tenure than exists presently, with the added benefit that their rent will not be driven by market price changes in the private rental market.

50 two-bedroom apartments will be available for rent at a monthly cost of €1200 to low- and middle-income workers at prices up to 30% below market rents for the area, under the new pilot cost rental scheme. The scheme is aimed at individuals who are above the threshold for social housing but are unable to afford a home of their own.



The rent of €1200 per month, which is based on the cost of delivering and maintaining the homes, is a significant reduction when compared to market rents for two-bedroom apartments in this location.

Housing agencies Respond and Tuath Housing will manage the homes. Eligible tenants will be randomly chosen in a lottery style selection process.

The site in Stepside will also provide 105 social homes which will be shared out between Respond & Tuath Housing.

Christmas in Templemore

We have decided to organise something a little different this year, after both the success of our Summer BBQ & recent requests from staff members for a joint Christmas Party.

This year for the first time ever we will be having our Christmas Party in Templemore, with both our Dublin based teams & our team at Head Office. Our annual Christmas party will take place on the 10th of December in Templemore. After the past two years of uncertainty, we look forward to having everyone together for Dinner, Drinks and Festive Cheer.

Celebrating Women in Construction

Our Site Team on the Forensic Science Laboratory Project in Backweston recently made a small presentation to Grace Butler as a token of appreciation for working with us over the last number of months. Grace has just started studying "Construction Management & Engineering" in UL. We wish her all the best with her studies and hope to see her back with us soon representing women in construction.

We are always open to providing opportunities for students to experience the various careers paths construction has to offer. Additionally, we are keen to inspire more female leaders in construction and are delighted to offer continuous support to those considering a career in construction. Apply online – <https://lnkd.in/euN2r9Z>



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