

Sean Foster Apartment Development

We have officially reached substantial completion on the 'Sean Foster Apartment Development' for Dublin City Council (DCC).

The project was officially handed over mid December and we were delighted to have had the Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien; Senator, Mary Fitzpatrick; Councillor, Ray McAdam, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin in attendance to meet Audrey – one of the lucky residents that has received the keys to her forever home, just in time for Christmas.

The 6-storey social housing scheme comprises 30 apartments - 7 no.1-bedroom apartments; 18 no.2-bedroom apartments; 3 no.2-bedroom duplex apartments; and 2 no.3-bedroom apartments.

Each apartment has dual aspect and is designed with a private balcony. Four apartments have triple aspect. A shared private courtyard is located along the southern boundary of the site.

We are proud to have been part of the delivery of this housing project for Dublin City Council.



The Central Hotel

We have officially been appointed as main contractor on Ireland's first Hoxton Hotel to open at the site of the Central Hotel on Dublin's Exchequer Street. The former Central Hotel will re-open for business in 2024 along with 'revitalised' Rí-Rá nightclub and Globe bar.

European private-equity giant Deutsche Finance International and London and Dublin-based property investor BCP Capital have signed an agreement with hospitality specialists Ennismore to operate Ireland's first Hoxton Hotel. The new 129-room venue will be located on the site of the Central Hotel on Exchequer Street in Dublin city centre.

The Hoxton is a series of open-house hotels inspired by the diversity and originality of its local communities. It operates around the world, including in London, Paris, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Rome, Chicago, Williamsburg, Portland, and Los Angeles.

The refurbishment and expansion of the Central Hotel and neighbouring buildings will restore the hotel itself and its well-known Library Bar. The award-winning Irish interior designer Bryan O'Sullivan will work on the project with Ennismore and BCP Capital. As part of the redevelopment there will be a significant increase in the footprint of the existing bar, night venue and restaurant space.

Commenting on the appointment, Duggan Brothers, Joint Managing Director – Seamus Duggan, said:

"We are delighted to have been selected as the construction partner for this landmark project in Dublin City Centre.

We look forward to the refurbishment and redevelopment of this major hotel project which has been designed to create a social and cultural hub that enhances the vibrancy of the city. On completion the hotel will provide an open-house style hotel with inclusive spaces, designed as meeting places for local communities as well as guests".



Head Office Team Visit The Forensic Science Ireland Project

Members of our team from Head Office in Templemore, Co. Tipperary visited our Forensic Science Ireland, State Laboratory Project recently.

The project is nearing completion, and this was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work that our team members have contributed to and supported over many years.

Thank you to the site team for providing a wonderful tour of the Forensic Science Ireland new State Laboratory.



Student Placement & Graduate Review

We held a Student Work Placement & Graduate Programme Review at our Tom Johnson House Project in Dublin 4. Our students and graduates all joined from various sites and offices to participate in the session. We would like to congratulate each member of the programme who delivered fantastic presentations to members of our Management & Senior Management Team.

Each student and graduate delivered a short presentation on their learning experiences throughout the development programme so far. This provided an opportunity to review what was learnt, how each member of the programme is getting on and where they may like more visibility or to trial a different working area. Richard

Watson completed his work placement with us and upon graduating from Construction Management in TU Dublin he joined our team. He shared an interesting insight into the programme:

“From day one of arriving in Dorset Street with very little knowledge of how a construction site works, I was treated like a member of the team by everyone from the foremen to the contracts managers. When given a new task it was explained thoroughly to me, not once was I expected to know everything, and I was always encouraged to ask as many questions as necessary which made it much easier to learn. The advice I was given was “you will get out of this placement what you put into it”, which in the end I realised

is true, the more you are willing to learn the more responsibilities you will get, which will help you progress your development”.

It was incredible to see the next generation of industry leaders practicing their presentation skills and sharing their learning experiences.

Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd wish the best to all the students with their continued education and look forward to working together following their graduation.



Lean Construction Training & Development

Several members of our management team attended 'Lean Construction Last Planner Training' in our Dublin Office recently. The training focused on the Last Planner Systems facilitated by Crystal Lean Solutions.

Training and development are key components of our operations, and we continue to develop our Lean Construction journey thanks to Crystal Lean Solutions.



Supporting Dublin Simon Community's launch of 'The Busk' Vinyl.

We were delighted to support the Dublin Simon Community on their launch of 'The Busk' - a beautiful vinyl record capturing the magic of the St Patrick's Cathedral busk last year.

The Busk features once-in-a-lifetime performances from

Bono, Glen Hansard, Damien Rice, Lisa O'Neill and many more, just in time for the Christmas shopping period.

To mark the launch our representative, Brian Berrigan gathered with Dublin Simon Community CEO Catherine Kenny, "The Busk" Director Mark Logan and Creative Production Director Bettine McMahon of Collective Films and artists Rónan Ó Snodaigh, Louise Mulcahy, Laura Quirke, Megan Nic Ruairí and Manchán Magan, who all feature on the record in front of one of four pieces of guerrilla advertising for the vinyl, gifted by Duggan Brothers.

All four pieces feature poignant song lyrics from the record which aim to highlight the plight of Dublin's homeless population from their locations on Mary Street, Usher's Quay, North Circular Road and Sean McDermott Street.

Pre-sale for "The Busk" vinyl, is now live at:

www.thebuskrecord.com

Proceeds will go towards supporting the record-breaking number of people facing homelessness this Christmas.



TU Dublin School of Surveying and Construction Innovation Awards

We would like to congratulate our Construction Management Graduate, Stuart Dudley on winning the 'Mercury Award' at the TU Dublin School of Surveying and Construction Innovation, Student Excellence Awards.

Stuart graduated from TU Dublin's Construction

Management course last May, attaining the 'Mercury Award' for the best overall final year dissertation. The dissertation was titled "Poor Nutrition within the Irish Construction Workforce and How Diet Can Be Improved".

Well done Stuart on this remarkable achievement!



Annual 'Trip to Tipp' Cycle & Summer BBQ

We would like to congratulate and thank all members of our team that participated in the 150km cycle to our home county - Tipperary from our Dublin Office earlier in the year.

As the saying goes 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and we certainly felt it!

Thankfully, all participants crossed the line to our office in Templemore safely, which is always the most important aspect of the day for us.

Looking forward to next year already!



The Irish Construction Industry Awards

We are delighted to have won 'BIM Initiative of the Year' at the Irish Construction Industry Awards, which was held on December 7th.

This award was received for Streamlining the Development of Room Datasheets on the Forensic Science Ireland Project.



Congratulations to our BIM Manager, Vivian Kenneally and the entire project team, subcontractors, design team members and everyone involved with making this initiative such a success.



500,000 Hours, Zero Lost Time Accidents at Forensic Science Ireland Project

We officially reached the significant #milestone of 500,000 Hours with Zero Lost Time Accidents on our Forensic Science Ireland Project at the end of July.

In recognition of this fantastic achievement management, supervisors and the entire workforce joined together for a complementary lunch and prize giving in the sun.

This milestone is a direct result of every individual's commitment to safe working practices across our site.

Congratulations and thank you to all key stakeholders that have contributed to and embraced our Health and Safety Ethos throughout the project.



Ring of Kerry Cycle

Massive congratulations to the 13 members of our team who took part in the Ring of Kerry annual charity event earlier this year. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't great but the everyone completed the challenge with a smile.

The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle is an iconic cycling event now in its 40th year. The event takes place along the Ring of Kerry, a 170km circular route beginning and ending in the beautiful town of Killarney.

This was a fantastic achievement for all that completed the challenge whilst raising much needed funds for charity. Since the inaugural cycle in 1982 excess of €17.4M has been raised for 160 charity and voluntary community organisations.

Well done to all involved!



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The following Charities this Christmas



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