

Wednesday 28 June 2017

Summer Shines on Build UK Party

Build UK is holding its Summer Party on Thursday 29 June at the iconic Natural History Museum in London to celebrate a successful year of delivering change across the industry.

The party, which will be attended by over 200 industry guests including Build UK members and key industry stakeholders, will provide the ideal platform to show how Build UK is fostering collaboration for the benefit of the sector.

James Wates OBE, joint Build UK Chairman, will reflect on how Build UK is leading the way in this area in the keynote speech:

“We are breaking down the walls that the industry has created for itself over the past 100 years and working in a genuinely more collaborative way across the whole value chain. As a result, Build UK now provides the table around which a huge portion of the construction sector can meet and discuss the key changes we need to make. Together, we can thrash out issues and arrive at real solutions which advance the whole industry.”

One of the issues that Build UK has focussed on is how to collectively recruit, train and retain the industry’s workforce. Encouraging the next generation to get into construction, Open Doors 2017 saw Build UK members opening a phenomenal 209 sites to over 5,000 visitors.

Inspiring Construction, which will raise the profile of construction careers within schools, launches in September, alongside a new multiskilling college course, ‘A Bridge into Construction’.

Progress continues on longstanding issues such as pre-qualification and payment, with Build UK developing a reformed pre-qualification system to improve quality across the industry. Build UK will be consulting on a roadmap to deliver the Construction Supply Chain Payment Charter’s ambition of zero retentions. 2018 will also see Build UK benchmark the payment performance of Contractor members, providing transparency for suppliers.

The Summer Party, which is kindly supported by B&CE, CSCS and The Square Construction App, will be demonstrating the technology available to quickly and easily verify people entering construction sites. Guests will be issued with e-tickets, which will be read using

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the latest Smart technology, provided through Gencarda Suite, courtesy of our technology partner, Reference Point.

Concluding his speech, James Wates will share Build UK's gratitude for the support from its event and other partners, members and stakeholders:

"Build UK is proud to have become a strong, well-grounded organisation as a result of the optimism and willingness to collaborate from its partners and members and looks forward to more exciting things to come."

~ Ends ~

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Notes to Editors

1. Build UK is the leading representative organisation for the UK construction industry. By bringing together Clients, Main Contractors, Trade Associations representing over 11,500 Specialist Contractors and other organisations committed to industry collaboration, Build UK represents in excess of 40% of UK construction - www.BuildUK.org.
2. To find out more about Build UK's priorities, see the [Build UK Action Plan](#).
3. To find out more about the impact of Build UK, see [Build UK Delivering Change](#).