



## Building Your Career in Construction

**Become part of one of the fastest growing sectors in Ireland and build a strong future.**

The construction industry requires a pipeline of talent for the future so today a new initiative 'Building Your Career' has been announced by the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection, Dublin Regional Skills Forum and the Construction Industry Federation.



Building Your Career is a collaboration of key industry stakeholders designed to shine a light on the career opportunities in the construction industry. Leading industry bodies and training organisations have pooled their resources to devise a plan to encourage jobseekers to consider construction as a career of choice. Combining work and education with both on and off-the-job learning is a sound basis for any career development but is a proven method of successfully building a career in the construction industry.

112,000 people are needed to fill construction jobs in Ireland over the next three years. With the industry in recovery, and a severe lack of housing stock at present, employment levels have the potential to rise to the 300,000 people employed when the industry was at its peak.



Speaking at today's event in Ballyfermot Training Centre Dermot Carey, Director of Safety & Training at the Construction Industry Federation, said *"The construction sector is making a strong recovery, and it is anticipated that employment will reach 220000 in the coming three years. There is a vast array of opportunities in the sector and we want to attract young people to take up these jobs. This is why the CIF is delighted to lend its support to Building Your Career"*

Ray Kelly, Director of Apprenticeship & Construction Services, SOLAS said *"SOLAS actively encourages employers to recruit and register apprentices as a means of developing the skills, knowledge and competence of their staff to meet the challenges of an ever changing economy"*

Today's event provided an opportunity for 75 people, interested in a career in the construction industry, to meet with employers with job opportunities. They were also given a tour of the training centre and met with current trainees to get an insight into life in the sector as well as the access routes in further education to build their career pathway.

The event itself was developed in collaboration with a number of key stakeholders supporting the Construction Industry Federation which include DEASP, Dublin Regional Skills, CDETB, Ballyfermot Training Centre, Youthreach and Solas.

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