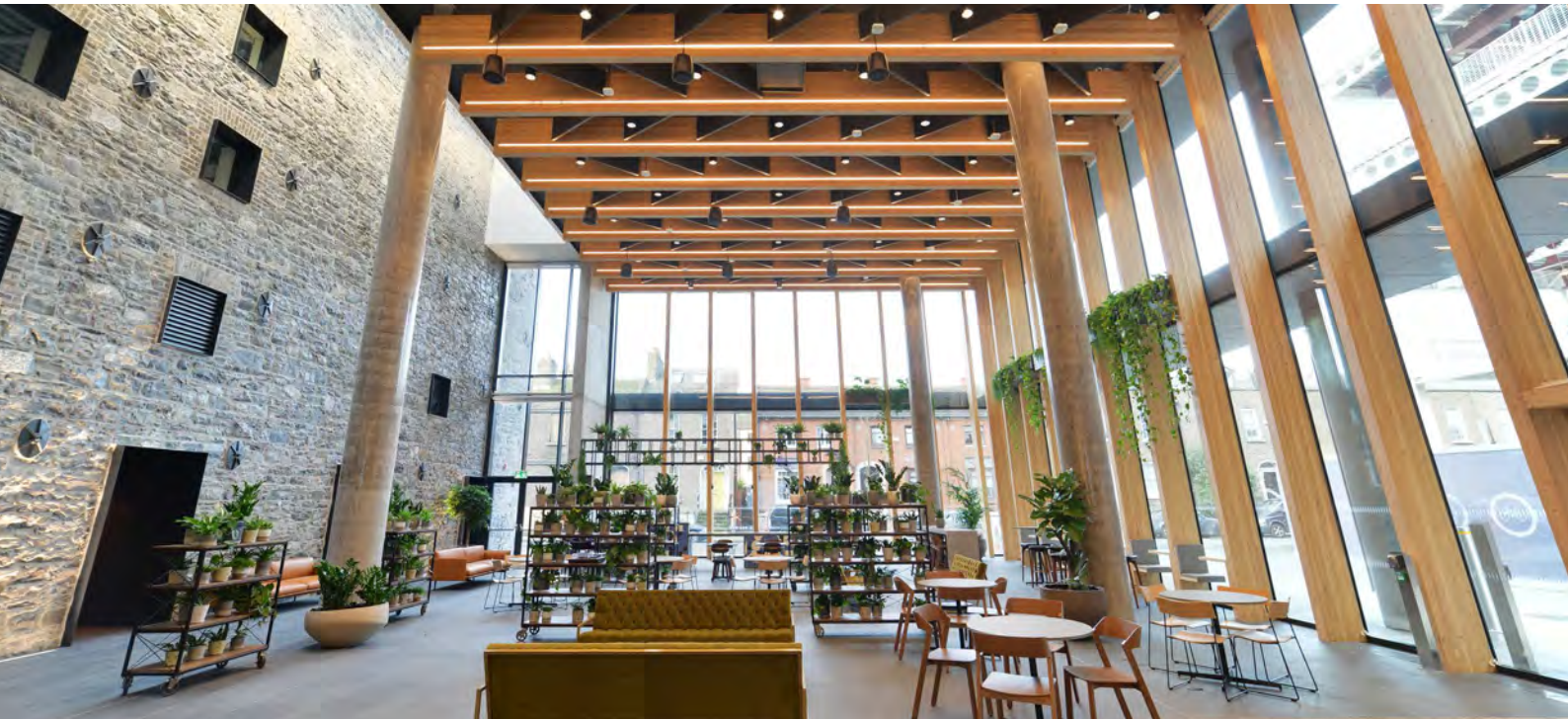


Activity Report

2018



**Leadership for a Sustainable
Built Environment**

Making a difference 2018

2018 has been a significant year for the Irish Green Building Council. The IGBC welcomed 6 new members at partnership level and saw a 20% increase in membership. We are now a unique network of organisations spanning the entire value chain of the built environment. Through our links with other Green Building Councils, we also draw on best practices worldwide in delivering high quality, sustainable homes, commercial and public buildings.

Notably we saw the contribution of IGBC work from 2016-17 bearing fruit with the development of more sustainable building policies. The new Energy Performance of Buildings Directive includes a number of recommendations emerging from the national renovation strategy consultation process led by the IGBC – for example, the promotion of building renovation passports and energy efficient mortgages. In Ireland, the IGBC, in conjunction with the main construction bodies, highlighted the need for a more holistic approach to energy efficiency upskilling of building professionals.

The IGBC is not only a voice for change. It also supports the industry in employing better products and in upskilling to deliver that change. In 2018, we launched our Environmental Product Declarations programme, EPD Ireland. EPD Ireland is a national programme audited by the international organisation of EPD operators, ECO Platform. Despite only launching in March, 12 EPDs providing detailed data on 24 products from 4 Irish manufacturers were published in 2018. We trained almost 700 building professionals in the nearly Zero Energy Buildings (nZEB) standard and green building certifications. Thanks to your support, the Council has developed a much stronger presence across Ireland. We ran 39 events in Dublin, Galway and Limerick.

Beginning from next year, new buildings and major renovations must be compliant with nZEB. But the recent

IPCC report on Climate Change reminds us that much more must be done. It notes that every sector must decarbonise by 2050. The IGBC is more than ever committed to supporting the transition of the building industry to a low carbon economy. In 2019, the IGBC will work with government to help increase the pace and depth of energy renovation of our building stock. This includes piloting a Building Renovation Passport for Ireland. We will also keep raising awareness about embodied carbon in buildings. EPD Ireland is expected to expand significantly. Producers of common building materials are now developing EPD for their full range of products. The Home Performance Index is also set to have a major positive benefit on the procurement of more sustainable homes. Several thousand new homes are set to enter the certification process in 2019.



I would like to thank all our members and sponsors. It's only because of you that we can increasingly position green buildings as an effective solution to many of Ireland's environmental and societal challenges.

I thank my board colleagues and the Council's dedicated team for their commitment. We look forward to working with you in 2019 for a better built environment, and to seeing you at one of the many events scheduled in the new year.

Kevin O'Rourke – Chair Irish Green Building Council

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BRINGING CHANGE LEADERS TOGETHER



120+

Member Companies
+ Organisations



20%

Increase in
Membership



695

people participated in training
courses and webinars
an increase of 395% from 2017



RAISING AWARENESS



1,368

People registered for
Events and Tours
an increase of 42% from 2017



5,998

Social Media
Followers
an increase of 23% from 2017



100k

people reached by our
#Homegreenhome Social
Media Campaign



28

Press mentions
in 2018

RAISING STANDARDS



81

Home Performance
Index certified houses



90+

EPDs registered

1st 12 EPDs produced under EPD
Ireland programme for 24 products

INFLUENCING POLICY CHANGES

- 3 Policy Submissions
- 2 Workshops to input into EU policies: Green Mortgages and Level(s)



Damien English T.D. opening Better Homes 2018



Presenting the Home Performance Index to
President Mary Robinson



Commissioner Karmenu
Vella, European Patron
of World Green Building
Week 2018

Sharing best practice



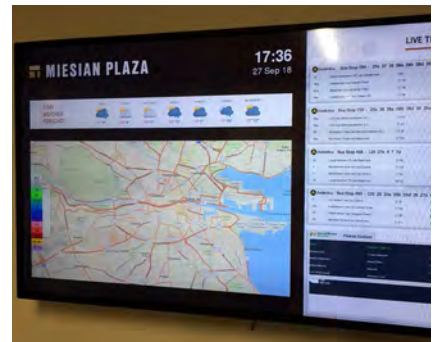
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IGBC events



1,368
Attendees

Events this year included the “Green Room”, “Better Homes” and our inaugural “Re-resource” conference, as well as site visits to 1 Windmill Lane, 1 Sir John Rogerson’s Quay, 10 Molesworth Street and the iconic Miesian Plaza. A huge thank you to our main sponsors Ecocem, ESB and Philip Lee Solicitors.

The IGBC also picked up a win for the Green NGO of the Year Category at the 2018 Green Awards.



Leading Sustainable Change



Certifying homes in 2019:

- Build to let developers
- Build to sell home builders
- Local Authorities
- PPP Consortia
- Student accommodation providers

81
Home
Performance
Index certified
dwellings



EPD Ireland - Ireland's Environmental Products Declaration programme launched



ECO Platform awards Established status to IGBC's EPD Ireland programme, with the right to carry ECO Platform Logo



1st 12 EPDs produced under EPD Ireland



Munster Joinery and Quinn Building Products, 2 of the first 4 Irish product manufacturers to produce EPDs under the EPD Ireland programme.



A comprehensive "Towards a circular economy in construction - Assessing low carbon, healthy, responsible products for the construction sector" report published.

Developing skills & capacity

100+

Building professionals trained in LEED, Home Performance Index, Building Life Cycle Assessment and WELL.



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FINAL SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A USER-FRIENDLY HOLISTIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACCREDITATION FOR BUILDING PROFESSIONALS

ECCoPro Final Project Report 4

APRIL 2018
www.igbc.ie

A comprehensive set of recommendations for a user-friendly holistic energy efficiency accreditation for building professionals – supported by Ireland’s main professional bodies, published. This work is due to continue in 2019.

Influencing Policy changes

3 Policy Submissions

2 Workshops to input into EU policies - Green Mortgages and Level(s)

Media coverage

IGBC was in the headlines in 2018, with a series of news, opinion pieces and interviews in which our aims and ambitions were outlined.



Health & well-being the focus of Better Homes 2018

The Irish Green Building Council will host its Better Homes 2018 conference in the Alex Hotel, Dublin on Thursday 8 November.

This year's conference will focus on health and well-being in and around the home, particularly indoor air quality and ensuring that low energy, airtight homes provide a healthy indoor environment. It will include two main sessions: one on creating healthy low carbon communities, and another on creating "healthy lifetime homes".

"Half a million new homes must be built by 2040. The imperative is that these homes are low or zero carbon, but they must also be healthy and part of healthy vibrant communities," said IGBC chief executive Pat Barry.

Speakers will include Caitríona Brady, the head of the World Green Building Council's 'Better Places for People' campaign, Dublin City architect Ali Grehan and, Dr Ina Kelly, a consultant in public health medicine and expert on environmental health.

For more information and to register visit www.igbc.ie

Social media followers

IGBC's first social media campaign targeting home buyers reached 100,000 people #Homegreenhome



2019. What's ahead?

10th April



24th May



24th Oct



Our key themes for this year are decarbonisation, the circular economy, health & wellbeing and sustainable finance. In 2019, we will support the European Commission in the development of the Level(s) framework, work to implement Ireland's national renovation strategy and to make energy efficient mortgages a reality, and much more.

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