



Annual Report 2017

Welcome to the 2017 CEW annual report. Constructing Excellence in Wales (CEW) is the only pan-industry organisation working on behalf of Welsh construction.

The sector has no formal representation within the Welsh Government, which means CEW's role as an objective champion of industry best practice is more crucial than ever. To build a Wales for future generations, Welsh construction must continue to drive forward, producing the high-quality results that can only be achieved through value-based procurement and collaborative working.

CEW's work has had a real, positive impact on the Welsh built environment, but Welsh Government funding ends in 2018. There is a risk that without CEW's advocacy, the industry could slide back into the old adversarial culture, with price-driven tenders and short-term thinking producing substandard buildings.

It has been a good year, with CEW's contribution winning positive reports from the Wales Audit Office. Through our connections at every level of the government and industry, CEW continues to shape policy decisions and influence future strategy. Our report on implementing a circular economy model within the Welsh built environment supports the Welsh Government's own agenda; if applied, it could potentially generate £1 billion of savings for Wales every year. The Welsh Government has drawn on our work with the 21st Century Schools programme to take tighter control of costs, freeing up funding for more schools in future. Our Exemplar projects add £1 billion of value to the economy, and project teams now frequently ask to join the programme.

But what else have we achieved..?

The Challenge Remains

CEW came into being to bring about positive change in the Welsh construction industry. The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires a sustainable built environment. This can only be achieved by keeping value at the heart of the construction agenda. CEW's credibility and expertise is needed more than ever to resist any return to outdated and counter-productive working practices.

What has CEW done for you in 2016/17?



Contact with **6,000** stakeholders each month
– **sharing ideas and best practice**

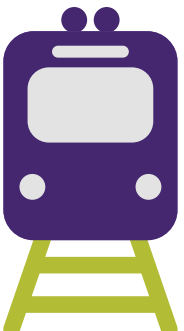


1,500 hours of change events – educating, informing & challenging




1,942 delegates invited to
over 50 events networking & sharing knowledge

Our influence drives change



10-15% of carbon emissions could be cut from the **Cardiff Metro scheme** because of learning passed on from our **Exemplar programme**



7,300 new jobs and a **12%** boost to the **Welsh economy** – potential benefits of a circular economy identified by CEW research

What we do has an effect



in costs saved &
141,502 tonnes
of waste recycled on six projects
under CEW's interventions programme

£4bn



annual value of work
going through the
frameworks involved in the
**Public Sector
Framework Forum**
set up by CEW



500 years'
worth of **apprentice training**
provided by Exemplar projects
(or 30,300 person weeks per £1 million spend)

Funding for CEW changes next year.

Our goal of championing best practice remains, but the organisation must evolve. Wales needs a world-beating, dynamic construction sector to build a legacy for future generations. Work with us to achieve this goal.

CEW influences decision-makers at the highest levels.

We are represented on:

- The National Assembly for Wales, Environment, Rural Affairs and Climate Change Committee Expert Panel
- The Welsh Government EU Exit, Legislation and Regulation Sub-group
- The Welsh Government Circular Economy Task Force
- Welsh Government Housing Strategy and many others.

From interventions minimising waste to industry-leading reports, events and publications, CEW is an active agent for change.

Wales has made a commitment to the future through the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

The construction industry has a key role to play in delivering the Welsh Government's vision. **But is it up to the task?**

The government's programme calls for low carbon, energy efficient buildings and a built environment that delivers benefits for local communities. But Welsh construction will struggle to meet these goals if it clings to the practices of the past. As the hard-hitting Farmer report makes clear, the sector must 'modernise or die'.

By embracing the circular economy, Welsh construction could save £1 billion a year and deliver 7,300 new jobs. By embracing Rethinking Construction principles, the industry could cut costs by 33%, halve carbon emissions and speed up project delivery by 50%. But it can't happen if the sector is unable to embrace change.

CEW is the objective champion the industry needs to guide it through the challenges ahead. No one else has our influence and expertise. No one else represents the sector at every level of Welsh Government. No one else offers such a breadth of advice, guidance and support. We champion value and best practice. We promote collaborative working and integrated teams. It's essential to a successful future for Wales. But to continue functioning effectively, we need proper funding and support.

Will you support us?

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