



Environmental and Waste Management Group

Spring Round Up & Joint Event 2017

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Joint IEMA Event 2017



A welcome was extended to our colleagues from IEMA and thanks are reiterated to the February speakers.

EWM Group members are invited to propose topics of interest suitable for future joint events;

Suggestions to; Branch Secretary link on the IOSH West of Scotland Branch Homepage

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During the start of 2017 a number of articles from various sources were reviewed and the most pertinent to the Environmental and Waste Management Group are included in the following slides.

The intended outcome is to share those items of potentially significant interest with EWM group members and the wider IOSH branch members. Links are included where available for those who desire further details. While any commentary is merely an outline of information it is not verbatim and must be regarded thus.

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Jan – *Legal Updates, Energy and Carbon*

January has seen more ambitious targets for GHG Emissions cuts issued for consultation by the Scottish Government under the new low carbon energy strategy & draft climate change plans.

<https://www.out-law.com/en/articles/2017/january/scottish-government-targets-66-emissions-cut-as-part-of-climate-change-plan>

Minimum energy efficiency standards for UK rented properties, including non domestic & commercial, will be introduced in England, Wales & Scotland under pertinent Acts. This could affect portfolios working on construction & refurbishment (consider CDM), including maintenance, etc.

Planning, procurement and designs stages need consider potentially more stringent energy output restrictions.

<https://www.out-law.com/en/topics/property/environment/minimum-energy-efficiency-standards-for-uk-rented-properties/>

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Feb – *The Big Biodiversity Challenge*

28 February will see the launch of the 2017 CIRIA Big Biodiversity Challenge

The challenge across industry is to add one new biodiversity enhancement during planning, design and construction. The importance of this is included here;

<http://www.bigchallenge.info/>

Between March and June 2017, CIRIA will provide an opportunity for industry to celebrate positive impacts by providing case studies to share best practice. The best in category will be recognised during September and details will be available from 1 March here;

https://www.ciria.org/CIRIA/Navigation/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=E17207&WebsiteKey=3f18c87a-d62b-4eca-8ef4-9b09309c1c91

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Now! – *Spring is about to be Sprung!*

It's that time of year again! We will soon be seeing the first signs of;

- Protected species emerging from hibernation & of birds nesting –
- **not just in the branches of trees but in buildings, structures and in ground vegetation.**
- Growth from invasive floras.

Now, is the time to re-check plans and programmes to ensure impacts are identified and mitigated before construction commences and may be affected!

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