



WHO ARE WE?

THE CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYERS FEDERATION (CEF) IS THE SOLE CERTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE BODY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

WE REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF APPROXIMATELY

**800
BUSINESSES**

Businesses ranging from sole traders to multinational companies. From civil engineering to general construction, house building, maintenance and repairs, to plant and builders' merchants, as a member we can speak for you.

TOGETHER OUR MEMBERS ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY

**70%
OF CONSTRUCTION
IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

This makes the CEF the most representative lobbying body for the construction industry locally and membership gives a sole trader the same standing, voice and access to resources as the largest companies.

“ We speak on our member's behalf to politicians, policy makers and senior civil servants about both local and national industry specific matters. We work to bring about change and to address our members' concerns on planning, procurement, regulation and funding. In recent times the CEF led negotiations with the Executive on Covid payments, the PAN material price increases and the inclusion of inflationary clauses in contracts.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

CEF MEMBERSHIP CAN HELP YOU SECURE NEW WORK AND SAVE YOU MONEY

Membership of the CEF offers increased reputation and recognition in the eyes of clients and your supply chain. We offer members the opportunity to develop new business relationships, secure new work and deepen ties with decision makers. Members can enhance their credentials and expertise in vital areas such as in Health and Safety, HR and environmental management and you will be included and have a voice in discussions on industry shaping issues and opportunities. You could also save substantial costs by availing of a range of services and benefits including:

- the widest and strongest industry and sector representation at local and national level
- access to discounted training courses on relevant and timely topics
- exclusive networking and business development opportunities including the

leading awards event in the industry

- access to industry-leading advice on H&S and HR issues
- daily market intelligence and regular policy and sectoral analyses
- potentially substantial savings through our member services, providing access to insurance, accountancy and legal services at significantly reduced rates

GET INVOLVED, HAVE YOUR SAY

Full Members are eligible for election to join our sector-specific Committees that meet quarterly and help us shape our approach to sectoral challenges with the aim of finding solutions that can benefit the entire industry.

We also have Task Forces that meet on the cross-cutting themes that shape the future of our industry, namely People & Skills, Procurement & Risk and Constructzero.

THE CEF IS THE REPRESENTATIVE LOBBYING BODY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN NI SPEAKING ON YOUR BEHALF

JOINING IS EASY. GAIN EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS

SUMMARY OF SERVICES & MEMBER BENEFITS

Bid/Tender Support we take a pro-active role in promoting and assisting clients to follow best practice in tendering for construction projects and are often successful in challenging and changing unfair or onerous tendering conditions. Members receive a weekly CIS tender report on opportunities

Industry insights We always ensure members are kept up to date with all developments in the industry, tender information and the work that we undertake on their behalf. We do this through our Annual Report, Weekly News Update, a regularly updated website, circulars, Committee meetings and local events.

Employment Support We provide members with a range of assistance and information regarding employment law issues including a standard set of employment documents as well as conditions of employment that include wages and holidays.

Health & Safety Support & Advice Members can avail of a wealth of health and safety support and advice. Services include a Site Safety Inspection Service, the Construction Skills Register, Safe-T-Cert, Courses and Seminars and regular Best Practice Guidance.

The Industry Awards Members have the opportunity to participate in the annual CEF Construction Excellence Awards to showcase their own achievements. These

are the leading awards for the construction industry and attract significant press interest as well as promoting the quality of the industry.

A Strong Brand Clients seek out the CEF, Safe-T-Cert and NVIR-O-CERT logos when tendering work. Along with a Membership Certificate, members can also add the CEF logo to their website and stationery.

Courses and Seminars We offer a wide range of highly relevant and topical courses, most of which count towards CPD points required by professional bodies. CEF members are entitled to a 25% discount and many courses are approved for CITB grants.

Connecting Members Avail of networking events and meetings to connect, increase knowledge by sharing experience and forge new business opportunities together.

Use your Voice to Influence CEF regularly canvas members' opinions on a wide range of important issues in formulating lobbying position and policy. Through our bi-annual State of Trade survey members are invited to provide anonymous company data that, combined, gives the most accurate picture of the industry in Northern Ireland.

Environmental Support and Advice Free legal advice to members on legal environmental queries and provide bi-annual updates to an Environmental Law Register. We also maintain our own Environmental Management System NVIR-O-CERT.

EVENTS

CEF MEMBERS GAIN ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS ONLY EVENTS, ALLOWING YOU TO BUILD CONNECTIONS AND GROW YOUR PROFILE.

Our extensive calendar of events each year range from networking meetings with Patrons and Partners through to our industry leading awards with members benefiting from the ability to network and access industry thought leaders and decision makers. The CEF Excellence Awards are the largest and most sought-after in NI construction, providing a wonderful opportunity to showcase your achievements, increase your reputation and gain recognition from across the industry.



ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:
ABOVE: President's Annual Dinner – March is an excellent evening for entertaining staff and clients



RIGHT: Construction Excellence Awards – October is the industry's biggest showcase evening of the year

DISCOVER HOW MEMBERSHIP CAN BENEFIT YOUR BUSINESS.



ACCESS TO INDUSTRY LEADING ADVICE

CEF’S PATRONS AND COMMERCIAL PARTNERS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY SELECTED TO OFFER A RANGE OF RELEVANT SERVICES AND PRODUCTS WITH INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AND EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS FOR CEF MEMBERS.

PATRONS



With a strong network of 17 branches across Northern Ireland, JP Corry helps members to access the services and advice they provide.



ABL is one of Northern Ireland’s leading Commercial Insurance & Risk Advisors and provides regular advice and webinars on topical issues.



Mills Selig is a leading law firm and delivers topical webinars and training as well as offering members an exclusive free legal consultation for up to an hour. If any additional time is required, members engage directly with Mills Selig.



FPM is a multi-award winning accounting,

tax & business advisory practice and provide regular advice and information to CEF members on matters of specific relevance to the industry.



NIE Networks is the owner of the electricity transmission and distribution networks in Northern Ireland, serving all 870,000 customers connected to the network.

COMMERCIAL PARTNERS



NI Builder is the CEF’s official media partner and magazine. CEF members can avail of beneficial profile and advertising rates.



SustainIQ is a unique, integrated software tool that measures, monitors and reports on social, economic and environmental impacts to increase efficiency. SustainIQ will offer a 10% discount (Year 1 subscription) for CEF members.



RPM is a voluntary global plastic management assurance program, trust mark and improvement program for organizations. CEF Members discount is a 10% off joining fee.



CIS tracks and monitors all construction projects throughout the island of Ireland and provides comprehensive real-time information. CEF Member discount is 1 free month to new subscribers. CEF members also get free weekly summary report included in CEF weekly news.



CEF members can now gain access to data which includes UK Construction Price Index (CPI), materials and steelworks at a discounted yearly subscription fee. The Building Cost Information Service (BCIS) provides independent cost data to help built environment professionals make informed business decisions both financially and environmentally.



RedSky software enables construction companies to achieve and maintain competitive advantage. Its operational, commercial and financial software delivers gains across all types of construction and contracting projects. Redsky holds a series of informative seminars and events to support CEF members on their digital transformation.



The City of Derry Airport offers convenient and budget-friendly business connectivity for CEF members across Northern Ireland that are regularly commuting to London, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh, as well as the provision of commercial discount on airport services and facilities.



BT has joined forces with CEF to provide updates and insight to local construction companies on digital transformation and innovation. Members will receive topical update bulletins and learning shared by BT.



Work Wear Mallusk are a leading sustainable supplier of recycled content PPE, Clothing, Janitorial, spill safety, signage and site consumables. CEF Members benefit from an exclusive discount across their whole range.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Full Member Designed for main contractors, this membership levels ensures members can avail of the entire range of CEF benefits and services and also the opportunity to serve on sector-specific committees representing the industry.

Associate Member Tailored to suit the needs of allied construction businesses including mechanical and electrical contractors, specialist sub-contractors, materials and components manufacturers, suppliers and other related activities.

Information Service Aimed at Government client bodies and industry professionals including Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Project Management, Civil Engineering and allied professionals, this provides access to a range of current data and statistics on industry wages, holidays and output.





HOW TO JOIN CEF

If you are interested in CEF membership, we would be delighted to visit your business or, if more convenient, meet you at the CEF offices on the Malone Road in Belfast.

To learn more about CEF and to discuss your possible interest in joining us, please call Tracy Windrim on 028 9087 7143.

You can also email: tracyw@cefni.co.uk



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We look forward to hearing from you.