

Infrastructure Leadership Group

2nd April 2020

Attendees: Graham Edgell (Chair), Shaun McCarthy (Supply Chain School), Julie Capon (BAM Nuttall), Eibhlin Flynn (Danny Sullivan), Alex Mcfie- Hyland (Elliott Group), Emer Murnaghan (GRAHAM), Andreas Gottfried (Hercules), James Langstratt (HS2), Nathalie Ritchie (National Grid), David Merrony (Ringway Jacobs), Carolina Karlström (SGN), Daniel Apps (Siemens), Randal Ffrench (Sir Robert McAlpine), Mark Hunter (United Utilities), Graham Arden (Skanska), Robyn Conway (Supply Chain School), Rosie Watts (Supply Chain School) Steve Thompson (Venisky Brown) Manish Tailor (VINCI), Emma Ward (Volker Wessels), Mark Clouter (WP Group),

Welcome and Introductions:

- Daniel Apps – Siemens, Carolina Karlstrom – SGN and Steve Thompson – Venisky Brown was introduced to the group as new Partners of the School

Operational update:

The group was informed that the School has 96 Partners:



During the operational update Shaun McCarthy – *Director of the School* informed the group that the School does has a contingency plan in place, in the case that some Partners are not able to renew their Partnership because of the effect of COVID- 19 within the industry.

The latest impact survey results were also presented to the group. The results from the survey showed that the number of active members and active users has increased compared to last year. The corporate assessments however have seen a decrease although individual assessment completion has continued to increase.

The survey also showed increases in reduced carbon emissions, reduced waste, improved air quality and increased community engagement.

Action:

- Rosie to share the Annual General Meeting recording and notes with the group

Update on groups:

The group was provided with an update of the current work the category and special interest groups are currently completing. For further information please refer to the leadership pack that was issued before the meeting.

Actions:

- Partners to contact Rosie if they would like to be involved in any of the category or special interest groups
- Rosie to put James Cadman in contact with Carolina Karlstrom – SGN for the Climate Action group
- Rosie to put Claire Bradbury in contact with Steve Thompson – Venesky Brown for the Wellbeing SIG

Webinar update:

Due to COVID 19 the School has now changed all events and meetings into virtual meetings. The school is currently using a webinar platform called Click meeting to run webinars on however other options such as zoom, and mural are currently being explored.

A webinar programme is currently being put together which will contain sector specific webinar's and webinar's available to the whole school to avoid reputation and gain mass engagement. Once the plan is finalised all Partners and members will receive an email which will contain a webinar programme for the next month and will be able to register for any webinar of their choice.

At the previous leadership group meeting the group discussed and agreed the following topics for workshops within the Infrastructure sector:

- Introduction to climate change and carbon
- Embedding Sustainable procurement
- Social Value
- Modern Slavery
- Waste and Resource efficiency
- Responsible Sourcing
- Introduction to carbon Footprinting
- Circular economy

The topics above will be included in the School's webinar's programme. It was suggested for the School to run some advanced webinar's such as 'Developing a carbon reduction strategy'. It was also suggested that the School should run a webinar focused on wellbeing which would offer coping skills for new arrangements as a result of COVID 19.

Action: Partners to contact Rosie if they have any further suggestions for webinar topics

Business Plan:

An update was provided on the budgets and restricted funding within the School. The group was reminded of the objectives that was agreed for the Infrastructure business plan. The business plan will change regarding events as all events are now taking place virtually.

The group agreed that they were happy for the Infrastructure meetings to take place virtually for now.

AOB:

- The next meeting is taking place on the 9th June 2020.
- A suggestion was made for the group to look at how much carbon saving there has been due to meetings now being virtual.

Actions:

- Ecovadis to be discussed further at the next leadership group meeting