

## Infrastructure Leadership Group

26th April 2022

### Queens Award for Enterprise

The Group was informed that the Supply Chain Sustainability School has won the Queen's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development. This is due to delivering significant environmental, social, and economic benefits to our Members and Partners, plus led pioneering work to set new standards in climate change, modern slavery, social value, sustainable supply chain management and more.

You can find out more by clicking [here](#).

**Action:** Partners to promote this achievement on their social media networks.

### General School Update:

Graham Edgell chair of the infrastructure group informed Partners that the School now has 173 Partners. Please see the image below for the Partners have joined the School recently:



### Net Zero Carbon Strategies in the Infrastructure Sector

Naomi Pratt, Consultant at Action Sustainability was introduced to the group and presented to the group a report, produced for the clients in the infrastructure group, set out to understand key themes in the carbon reduction strategies of client organisations and asks for suppliers. Both to help clients understand where greater consistency and alignment could be created, and to provide suppliers with a simple guide on what they should expect when engaging with these organisations.

The report looked at each client's policies and reporting and looked at sectors as a whole:

Sector analysis	Energy	Water	Transport	Estates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transmission losses are a common hotspot for network operators</li> <li>- These are included in targets of 2/6 relevant energy sector organisations</li> <li>- End-user energy use is out of scope for 5/7 organisations as they do not sell energy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1/6 water companies analysed include supply chain emissions in their net zero targets</li> <li>- These emissions are likely to be a significant proportion of their footprint</li> <li>- Another hotspot is process emissions from water and wastewater treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3/5 transport sector organisations report supply chain carbon emissions</li> <li>- 2/5 request emissions targets, measurement and reporting from their supply chain</li> <li>- End-user emissions are a key hotspot. 4/5 include these emissions in targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two organisations in this category differ in their purpose</li> <li>- Both have 2030 net zero targets including supply chain emissions</li> <li>- Embodied carbon in construction a key hotspot</li> </ul>	

[Click here](#) to view the report and its findings.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact [Naomi@actionsustainability.com](mailto:Naomi@actionsustainability.com)

The launch of the report will be taking place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June at our 'Net Zero Carbon: Infrastructure pulling in the same direction Business Bytes. You can register for the session [here](#).

Laura Cooper from SSE has volunteered to be a speaker for the 7<sup>th</sup> of June Business Bytes.

Clients within the group would like to know the next idea/step they should be asking for to make a difference. It was discussed that a potential session with clients and Tier 1's could be set up to gain this information.

**Action:**

- Partners to share the event registration link above with their colleagues and supply chain.
- Simon Diggle from National Highways to send Shaun & Rosie resources from the transport sector which can be added to the School resource library.
- Rosie to contact Laura Cooper regarding the Business Bytes on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Diversity Data Benchmarking**

Charles Naud, Head of Product for the Sustainability Tool presented to the group: Diversity Data Benchmarking. This task was a transport sector initiative involving Network Rail, National Highways, Transport for London & HS2 and was designed to understand the diversity of their workforce and what their supply chain looks like.

The survey captures information covering protected characteristics such as gender, age, ethnicity etc. The benchmarking tool is expanding out to Infrastructure client organisations and main contractors.

For those interested, please contact [Charles.Naud@actionsustainability.com](mailto:Charles.Naud@actionsustainability.com) to confirm how you would like to participate in this year's industry-wide employee diversity survey. Your options are as follows:

1. To use this to be listed as one of the client organisations (alongside TfL, Network Rail, HS2, National Highways, and any other organisations joining this year from the MPA, ICG and CLC), report your company data and collect your supply chain data, which will then all be benchmarked against the industry and ONS data sets. We would support you with all the supply chain outreach. **This costs £4,350 per annum. I would need your purchase order by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.**
2. To use this to only report your company data and have it benchmarked against the industry & ONS data sets, this would cost £1,850 p.a.
3. You can also respond to the survey for free if you are a supplier or one of the client organisations sponsoring this. They would reach out to your organisation once the survey goes live.

**The Supply Chain Sustainability School Turns 10!**

The Supply Chain Sustainability School Turns 10 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2022. To celebrate a decade of the Supply Chain Sustainability School, a Summit of our Partners and Members will be held – acknowledging a decade of collaboration, inspiration and innovation across the UK Built Environment industry and looking ahead to the challenges we face over the next 10 years.

**At this summit you will:**

- Hear from industry thought leaders
- Connect with your peers
- Dive into the latest sustainability solutions
- Uncover some of the key challenges set out for the industry over the next ten years.
- Socialise with your favourite School team members and peers at an afternoon social, where some of our most engaged Partners and Members will be honoured at an informal Award's ceremony.

The day will consist of presentations from Malcolm Dare – National Highways, Mark Farmer – Author of the Farmer Report and Lord Deben – Chairman of the Climate Change Committee. It will also contain breakout rooms on various sustainability topics such as Carbon, Offsite and Social Value.

We are also offering Sponsorship packages for the summit which include the following:

- Future Challenges Sponsor
- Lunch Sponsor
- Networking Break Sponsor
- Awards Sponsor
- People Matter & FIR workshop Sponsor

**Action:**

- Partners to contact Paul Parkinson – [Paul@supplychainschool.co.uk](mailto:Paul@supplychainschool.co.uk) if they would like further information about sponsorship
- Partners to share summit registration link with their colleagues and supply chain.

**Summit Details:**

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Time:** 9:30-18:30

**Location:** Coventry Building Society Arena.

**To register for the summit please click [here](#).**

**Reporting API 1.0**

The group was informed of an application programming interface which is a software that allows two systems to communicate with each other. The API will be launching in the School in due course and will allow Partners to pull the data they want directly from the database into their own system. Data is being made available for priority suppliers and internal colleagues.

The School is asking all Partners who host the School's e-learning modules on their LMS systems to feed resource views back into the School database.

This will negate the need for Partners to provide this information to the School on a quarterly basis.

**So, what will you be giving the School access to with the Reverse API?**

- How many times a resource has been completed on your platform
- Resources accessed v. resources completed

### How can Partners get started and implement the API?

- The School will shortly circulate API documentation to all Partners this will include full JSOM files and endpoint confirmation.
- Partners will need internal capability to plug the API into their own systems. The School cannot provide tech support in this instance.
- Partners can choose which endpoints they wish to engage with; you do not need to take them all!
- The reporting API is included within your Partner benefits; there is no additional cost to take it up

#### Action:

- Partners who host the School's e-learning modules on their LMS systems to feed resource views back into the School database.

Please contact [Becky@supplychainschool.co.uk](mailto:Becky@supplychainschool.co.uk) or [Wendy@supplychainschool.co.uk](mailto:Wendy@supplychainschool.co.uk) if you have any questions regarding the API.

#### General School Update:

The group was also shown the results from the impact survey along with new resources that have been developed for FIR, Digital, Procurement, Wellbeing, Modern Slavery & Plant. Please refer to the pre-read for further information.

The group was also shown the training sessions schedule for the infrastructure market:

#### Business bytes conferences x 2

- Client carbon group output
- Social value – review of measurement tools

#### Workshops or Webinars x 6

- PPN 06/20
- Social value in procurement
- Social value SME guide
- Diversity tool
- Carbon in infrastructure
- Carbon capture and storage

Sacha Noar from McGinley support services discussed apprenticeships at the meeting. Graham Edgell – Morgan Sindall would be happy to work with Sacha on this piece of work.

#### Actions:

- An update to be provided on the Social Value Group at the next meeting.
- Apprenticeships to be included as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- Partners to contact Rosie if they would to be involved in the apprenticeship's conversation

**AOB:** The next leadership group meeting is taking place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June – 10:00am -12:00pm on Microsoft Teams.