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CECA North West

NEWS DIGEST FROM CECA NORTH WEST

Welcome to this round up of news from CECA North West. If there are any items you wish to include, please let me know. If you would like to contact me, or wish to arrange a meeting, I can be reached via email: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk or mobile 07703 585027.

Civil Engineering Contractors' Association North West news

Contact details

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Free and discounted services for members - what can we do for you?

CECA NW always wants to make sure it delivers the services that members want. So, please tell us what your priorities are. We are always looking for ways to enhance the services CECA NW offers to members, which currently include:

- Legal services (see below)
- Training
- Tendering support
- Market intelligence
- Lobbying

But, please contact Guy Lawson if there are any specific areas where we can be of assistance.

CECA NW Legal Advice Service

Willow Contracts has provided very high quality advice to CECA NW members over the last year - and their support and expertise for legal and contractual matters is highly recommended. The email address exclusively for members is CECAsupport@willowcontracts.co.uk and this will automatically contact Chris Hutchinson and his colleague. For the telephone service, the dedicated number is 01924 919392. In the event that the call cannot be taken any voicemail left is automatically routed to Chris's mobile phone. Call costs I am advised are at standard rates.

Tendering workshops

Members are invited to contact Guy Lawson for 1-2-1 tendering workshops, where he will advise on PQQs and ITTs, eg on how to present socio-economic and CSR data as effectively as possible. This is a free service to CECA NW members. Please contact him at the above number or email.

CECA NW - the NEW video!

Please find a link to the 2018 CECA NW video - aimed at promoting careers in the industry. It is now available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/r6ieFJ2LAPQ>

CECA website is now live!

The new CECA website is now live. All members should re-register to access information on the members' area: <https://www.ceca.co.uk/members-area/>

CECA NW Foundations

The autumn 2018 programme for people new or relatively new to the industry will include a social event, a seminar and a debate. We will also be taking a table at the CECA NW annual awards dinner (let me know if you would like a place). More details to follow.

CECA meeting with Network Rail, Wednesday 15 August 2018

Bill Free, CECA Rail Director, together with Dawn Karakatsanis of CECA Midlands and Guy Lawson will be meeting Jim Syddall of Network Rail, to discuss Works Delivery in LNW. Further details to follow.

CECA NW meeting with West Cumbria Mining - 13.00, Wednesday 5 September 2018

A meeting has been arranged for CECA NW members, at West Cumbria Mining's Haig Pit site, Whitehaven. Interested parties should contact me: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk

CECA NW meeting with Inovyn, Tuesday 11 September 2018

Guy Lawson is meeting Inovyn's procurement team to discuss supply chain opportunities for contractors. A members' meeting will be planned following this - details will be issued once a date is agreed.

CECA NW Executive Committee, Wednesday 10 October 2018

The next meeting of the CECA NW Executive Committee takes place at 08.30 for 09.00, Daresbury Park Hotel, Warrington. All CECA NW members are welcome to attend, whether members of the committee or not, but should contact Guy Lawson to book places.

CECA NW Annual Awards Dinner, Friday 12 October 2018

Quentin Willson will be the guest speaker at the CECA NW Annual Awards Dinner, Midland Hotel, Manchester. Entries for the Awards must be submitted by **Friday 7 September** (please note the new category for projects up to £1 million). To book your tickets for the awards dinner: http://www.aldercross.com/events.php?event_id=125

CECA Annual Conference, Tuesday 4 December 2018

Book your tickets now: <https://www.ceca.co.uk/work-programme/national-conference/>

CECA NW flyer 2018

The CECA NW flyer 2018 is available via the CECA website, and hard copies can be ordered from Guy Lawson: <https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CECA-NW-flyer-2018.pdf>

CECA NW member benefit - free access to socio-economic value measurement tool

CECA NW has acquired a licence for LM3 (the socio-economic modelling tool that is widely recognised by clients, and enables bidders to evaluate the local value they can bring to a contract). Please let me know if you are interested in using LM3 - or have any queries about it: <https://www.lm3online.com/>

Sponsoring the Civil Engineering Challenge

We are sponsoring resource packs to enable scouts and guides to achieve the Civil Engineering badge, developed by Pippa Higgins of Vinci. Please let me know if you would like more information. We are now funding over twenty groups to undertake the civil engineering challenge.

Training & Development

HKA Legal Breakfast Seminars

We now have dates for the 2018 legal seminar programme run by Geraldine Fleming of HKA. The first is rather short notice, so please let Jemma Carmody know asap if any of your colleagues would like to attend. They are all breakfast seminars, with an 08.30 start, apart from the NEC4 half day.

All at HKA's offices, Daresbury Park, Warrington, apart from those marked; all free for CECA NW members apart from the NEC4 half day. To book, please email: jemma.carmody@ceca-yorks.co.uk

- Tuesday 18 September - Forms of Contract and Contract Formation
- Tuesday 9 October - Limitation of liability clauses
- Tuesday 6 November - Legal update PRESTON tbc

NW Contractors' Training Group - free for all CECA NW members

The Group provides access to CITB funding to support training, and its members receive free or substantially discounted training. If you are interested in joining the Group, please let Gill Steele know: mgtpsteele@hotmail.co.uk Please could CECA NW members advise their Training Managers of this opportunity. The next meeting is on Thursday 27 September 2018 at Golborne. Please contact Gill to book your place.

CECA Employment Law and Taxation seminar, 29 November 2018

A seminar with Liz Bridge and Gerry Lean is planned for the autumn.

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wales/event/employment-law-and-taxation-issues-2/>

Merseyside and Cheshire Construction Safety Group 2017-18 programme

<https://mccsgonline.wordpress.com/programme-2017-2018/>

These events are run by MCCSG, so you would need to book places with them, rather than via CECA NW.

A New Standard for Collaborative Business Relationships for Engineering & Construction Companies

Would members be interested in a workshop on ISO 44001? Please let me know if it would be something you would like CECA NW to arrange.

Looking to recruit ex-services personnel? <http://www.forward-assist.com/>

Fairness, Inclusion and Respect Programme (FIR) update

More introduction to FIR workshops are being run, plus Ambassador training session, and Ambassador coaching sessions. If any of this is of interest and you want your organisation to get involved or build on its existing activity then please do get in touch: Tolu Oke, T: 020 7697 1985; M: 07469 159 788

FIR Training and Project Manager, E: Tolu@supplychainschool.co.uk

FIR Toolkit: <https://www.supplychainschool.co.uk/default/fairness-inclusion-and-respect/fir-toolkit.aspx>

GoConstruct

A new campaign by CITB to attract more entrants to the industry: <https://www.goconstruct.org/en/>

GoConstruct has also produced a new infrastructure video which can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98rc8Ac-mF4>

Policy & Industry Affairs

Highways England appoint WSP to design two smart motorways worth £2.6m

WSP has been appointed as the designer for two new smart motorway projects worth £2.6m which aim to improve capacity and connectivity in key corridor areas across the UK.

Highways England has awarded the two contracts to the engineering consultancy for work on the M62, junction 20 to 25, linking Yorkshire and Lancashire, and the A1 (M) junction 6 to 8 near Stevenage.

Both projects will include the design and delivery of new infrastructure to transform these sections of road into an All Lane Running Smart Motorways - permanently converting the hard shoulder into a running lane to add much needed additional capacity and supporting economic growth.

Stretching 31km through the Pennines, the four lane M62 smart motorway link will support the Northern Powerhouse agenda by providing improved east-west connectivity between major cities.

CBI Open & Controlled: A new approach to immigration after Brexit

The report is based on direct evidence from roundtables and surveys of business leaders, as well as leading trade associations representing 129,000 members between them. From agriculture to tech, it outlines why overseas workers matter for 18 sectors across the UK economy. It presents five main findings and 17 specific policy recommendations applicable to all sectors.

The CBI study is clear that ensuring EU workers are not subject to the same burdensome rules as existing non-EU workers is vital. Also migration should be put on the table in trade negotiations, first with the EU and then other countries around the world in future. As the UK leaves the EU it must remain open to talent from around the globe.

<http://www.cbi.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/open-and-controlled/>

ONS: Construction output bounces back in second quarter

Construction output increased 0.9 per cent in the second quarter after falling in the first three months of 2018, according to the latest data from the Office for National Statistics. The industry had seen output slump by 0.8 per cent in Q1 quarter on quarter, as activity was hampered by bad weather. Q2's increase was led by the repair and maintenance sector, in which output grew by 2.7 per cent quarter on quarter. Output from new work was flat in the second quarter, however, as new-work sectors experienced mixed demand. Infrastructure, industrial work and new public housing all saw output increase in Q2, with industrial the fastest growing at 6.2 per cent.

Fifth legal challenge submitted against Heathrow expansion

Environmental campaigners Friends of the Earth have submitted the latest legal challenge against a proposed third runway at Heathrow with the group claiming the £15bn expansion is unlawful due to its inability to address the UK's climate change obligations.

Campaigners say ministers have failed to explain how the decision took account of domestic targets for greenhouse gas emission reduction under the Climate Change Act 2008.

UK must modernise local transport to make the most of HS2

Sir John Armitt's recent call for extra funding to be released to support local transport infrastructure improvements in UK cities has sound logic, is persuasive and is supported by a weight of previous detailed work that he has been involved in.

Sir John said UK government ministers should sign off on £43 billion of additional funding between now and 2040 to pay for major infrastructure programmes in the fastest growing and most congested cities" in the UK, "such as new trams and rapid bus networks".

Sir John, who chairs the UK's National Infrastructure Commission (NIC), said the investment - which would come on top of that earmarked for existing projects such as Northern Powerhouse Rail and Crossrail 2 - would serve to ensure that the HS2 high speed rail project achieves its full potential.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/08/04/people-reach-end-hs2-journey-will-many-cases-face-inadequate/>

The Marine and Coastal Civil Engineering Expo, Birmingham, 12 & 13 September 2018

The Marine & Coastal Civil Engineering Expo (M&CCE Expo) is the UK's largest exhibition and conference dedicated to showcasing the latest equipment and solutions for marine, coastal and other challenging civil engineering projects with unique landscape features.

<http://www.mcceexpo.co.uk/index.asp>

The full 3rd Menai crossing alternative proposal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ty2q-ctJZKM>

Tender open for Anglesey tidal power project

A design engineering contract has been launched for the Morlais Demonstration Zone tidal energy project off Anglesey. The procurement process is being run by Menter Môn, a social enterprise that delivers services across North West Wales.

The tender is described as "technical design and contract support for the Morlais Development Zone project". Companies with experience in design and engineering contracts in the power sector are invited to tender, with expressions of interest to be submitted by 16 August.

<https://www.mentermon.com/en/>

Review of UK modern slavery laws commissioned

A review of UK modern slavery laws has been commissioned by the UK government in a move that could lead to new obligations being imposed on businesses.

The review of the UK's Modern Slavery Act is to be led by Labour MP Frank Field, former judge Baroness Butler-Sloss, and Maria Miller, the former UK culture secretary, and is aimed at ensuring the "world-first legislation keeps in step with this crime", the Home Office said earlier this week.

'Modern slavery' is an umbrella term which includes the offences of human trafficking, slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour, including sexual or criminal exploitation.

Enacted in 2015, the Modern Slavery Act consolidated and simplified existing anti-slavery laws, as well as introducing new reporting requirements for businesses.

MPs call for gender pay gap rules to be extended

UK employers should be required to publish details of what they are doing to close their gender pay gap (GPG), a committee of MPs has said. At the moment, employers in the private and voluntary sectors with 250 or more employees are required to publish GPG data for their organisation.

In a new report, however, the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee (BEIS) has recommended that employers be required to "provide some narrative reporting alongside their gender pay statistics and an action plan setting out how pay gaps are being and will be addressed, including objectives and targets".

New 'employer toolkit' to support EU staff

The Home Office have launched an official 'employer toolkit' aimed at helping HR teams support their EU staff. Its purpose is to arm employers with practical information on how EU citizens will be able to apply for 'settled status'. This is so HR teams are better equipped to answer potential questions and directly help their EU employees over the next few years.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-employer-toolkit>

Shale gas production projects in Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) regime?

This early stage consultation is to determine which criteria would be appropriate to trigger inclusion of major shale gas production projects in the NSIP regime.

This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 25 October 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/inclusion-of-shale-gas-production-projects-in-the-nationally-significant-infrastructure-project-nsip-regime>

CBI report on Government's Brexit White Paper: Construction

While trade in construction products has been addressed, future access to people is a top priority for firms. The White Paper sets out a vision for how the UK and EU can continue to benefit from frictionless, tariff-free trade for manufactured goods, recognising the complexity of long-established supply chains across the continent. Achieving this vision will be especially vital for the construction sector reliant on significant import volumes of the materials and products that underpin virtually every construction project in the UK. But with approximately 9% of the UK's construction sector workforce comprised of EU nationals, there remains a lack of clarity on the ability for firms to access EU national workers once the UK leaves the EU. The commitment to supporting business in moving people between states is welcome, and new arrangements must avoid placing new administrative and costly burdens on businesses - particularly smaller firms. These are issues central to the government's ability to deliver its ambitious housing and infrastructure.

<http://www.cbi.org.uk/news/the-cbi-responds-to-the-government-s-brexit-white-paper/>

Cost of industry skills cards set to rise in September

The cost of skills card issued by the Construction Skills Certification Scheme is set to rise to £36 from September. The 20% rise from the current rate of £30 is the first increase for eight years and applies to all cards administered directly by CSCS.

NEC4 Alliance Contract opens door to increased collaboration

The much-anticipated NEC4 Alliance Contract has now been published, allowing parties to construction projects to collaborate more closely and equally share in that project's risks and rewards. The Alliance Contract is the last outstanding piece from the fourth edition of standard form New Engineering Contracts produced by the Institution of Civil Engineers, following the publication of the rest of the NEC4 suite in June 2017.

<https://www.neccontract.com/NEC4-Products/NEC4-Contracts/NEC4-Alliance-Contract>

Northern transport spending 'outdo the South' - DfT

Transport spending in the North will be higher than in London and the South over the next three years, according to new figures. The Department for Transport's analysis of future investment show that between 2018 and 2021, it will be investing £831 per head on road and rail upgrades in the North East, North West and Yorkshire - more than £30 more per head extra than London and the South at £799.

HS2 Economic Growth Conference 2018, 7 November 2018, Birmingham

<https://www.built-environment-networking.com/event/hs2-economic-growth-conference-2018/>

ORR PR18 period review in advance of CP6

The 2018 periodic review (PR18) is the process through which we determine what Network Rail should deliver in respect of its role in operating, maintaining and renewing its network in control period 6 and how the funding available should be best used to support this.

http://orr.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/27757/pr18-draft-determination-overview-june-2018.pdf

National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage

The National Minimum Wage (NMW) is the minimum pay per hour most workers under the age of 25 are entitled to by law. The government's National Living Wage (NLW) is the minimum pay per hour most workers aged 25 and over are entitled to by law. The rate will depend on a worker's age and if they are an apprentice. HMRC (HM Revenue & Customs) can take employers to court for not paying the MW/NLW.

http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1902&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NTL%20March%202018&utm_content=NTL%20March%202018+Version+A+CID_fed9b250666c70026529d3b2116dc872&utm_source=Acas%20National%20Email%20Marketing%20Live&utm_term=View%20April%20changes

Construction Skills Network forecasts 2017-21 - Growing to meet the infrastructure challenge
<http://www.citb.co.uk/research/construction-skills-network/construction-growing-to-meet-the-infrastructure-challenge/>

B&CE seeks firms to join occupational health panel

B&CE are creating a simple digital occupational health scheme that helps to keep construction employers compliant, save time and money by giving fast-track access to comprehensive health surveillance and cost-effective management tools. We believe everyone has the right to a healthy future and we are working hard to bring this goal to life and our new occupational health scheme to market. As part of this development we are looking for companies both large and small who would be willing to become part of a feedback panel. Panel companies will work with us by sharing industry experience, sharing and informing the scheme by asking/answering questions around current ways of working relating to specific aspects of our proposition e.g. occupational health costs, user experience, etc. This is an opportunity for companies, particularly SMEs to become involved in the development of our occupational health solution. The time commitment for panel companies will be limited and will normally involve a number of telephone conversations as well as interaction via e mail.

For more details, please contact Andrew Percy: andrewpercy@bandce.co.uk

B&CE's new occupational health website: <https://bandce.co.uk/occupational-health/>

Chartered ICES newsletter

<http://mailshot.cices.org/Chartered%20ICES%20Newsletter%20may18.html>

News from ACAS

<https://acasnational.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/r/A964C9D6581FA3732540EF23F30FEDED/5A71F45448E2815C38A555EB6E97B45B>

North West - and the North

Balfour Beatty agrees North West highways umbrella company ban

Balfour Beatty has struck a deal with union Unite to ban the use of umbrella companies on a major highways contract in the North West of England. Balfour Beatty manages the Area 10 highways contract, which covers motorways and major roads in Merseyside, Cheshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester. As part of the deal Balfour will also permanently employ any agency worker who has been on the project for at least three months.

TfGM opens survey on future plans

The online 'conversation' launched by Transport for Greater Manchester aims to generate feedback which will shape the draft City Centre Transport Strategy to be implemented from 2020.

The survey, conducted by TfGM on behalf of Manchester City Council and Salford City Council, provides those who know the city best with an opportunity to tell transport planners what they think should be done to improve travel in the city for the coming decade.

Future plans could include major infrastructure changes such as a transformed Piccadilly station ready for the arrival of HS2, as well as a possible Metrolink tunnel under the city and higher quality pedestrian areas with better air quality for cyclists, pedestrians and people with disabilities.

<https://www.tfgm.com/your-city-centre>

Yorkshire Water starts bid race for £1bn AMP 7 work

Yorkshire Water is seeking firms to join a multi-supplier framework for a £1bn programme of civils and building work. The programme will cover work not delivered by its two Tier 1 partners in the Yorkshire Alliance integrated delivery team, which is presently out to tender for award in April 2019. The programme is being split into a complex civils framework, worth around £750m over the 2020-2025 AMP7 period, and a minor civil and building works framework expected to account for a pipeline of £290m. Yorkshire Water procurement bosses are aiming to shortlist around six firms to bid for the complex works framework and eight for the minor works race in September.

Contact Carla Gilley for more information: carly.gilley@yorkshirewater.co.uk

Local Councils Roads Investment Group first annual conference, Blackpool, 12-13 September 2018

Local Councils Roads Investment Group (LCRIG) was established to bring together local authorities from across the UK to discuss common challenges, share best practice and support each other. Already, this has led to many highways being managed more effectively and efficiently, councils saving millions of pounds, and funding being secured from local, regional and national sources.

<https://lcrig.org.uk/>

Sellafield Trade Mission comes to Carlisle, 12 September 2018

Sellafield Ltd are organising a number of Trade Missions across the county to highlight the diverse capability of SMEs to Tier 2 buyers. If you are prepared to welcome potential clients to your premises, then they want to hear from you. They are looking for a wide variety of business sectors including construction and engineering companies.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/719876/SME_TRADE_MISSION_June_18.pdf

Greater Manchester's first smart motorway now fully operational

Following the technology going live on the final M60 section between junction 10 and junction 18, the whole of the motorway between junction 8 of the M60 at Sale and junction 20 of the M62 at Rochdale is fully operational. As well as an extra running lane in each direction along the M62 between junction 18 and junction 20, intensive extra technology, such as CCTV cameras and electronic signs, has been provided along both M60 and M62 sections. Variable mandatory speed limits are guiding traffic along the motorway at steady speeds, tackling congestion and frustrating stop-start driving conditions.

Everton appoints stadium development director

Everton FC has appointed ex-Laing O'Rourke project leader Colin Chong to head up the delivery of the club's stadium at Bramley-Moore Dock. Chong joined from Laing O'Rourke in 2016 as head of estates at Goodison Park, and has been appointed to his newly-created role of stadium development director.

CITB takes to the road

CITB is taking a roadshow round the country, and is holding a full day conference in **Manchester on Thursday 11 October 2018**. Details of the conference and its content are here:

<http://elink-eu.azuread.com/m/a2a34093564b421a950da0307a510060/59678AF0/835743A9/082018n>

Moorside nuclear bidder loses preferred bidder status

The £10bn Moorside nuclear power plant has been plunged into further doubt after Korean energy firm Kepco lost its preferred bidder status to develop the scheme. The plant's current developer Toshiba is now looking at alternative options for the future of the site after negotiations with Kepco failed to reach a conclusion. Kepco looked to have saved the project when it swooped in December last year and was named preferred bidder ahead of China's CGN. Toshiba said this week that a sale to Kepco was still on the table and it was in "consultation with stakeholders including the UK government" to find a solution. The protracted negotiations have also forced NuGen, Toshiba's Moorside development body, to restructure its business.

Highways England sets up in Warrington

Highways England has taken the three-storey, 20,600 sq ft Atlantic House in Birchwood, Warrington with plans in place to develop a 240-strong team in the building by April next year.

First step for multi million pound Cumbrian coastal railway upgrade

The first steps have been taken to begin a multi-million-pound upgrade of the under-pressure Cumbrian coastal railway line. An initial business case has been submitted to the Department for Transport to improve the line, which connects Barrow to Carlisle. The Cumbrian Rail Programme Board - a group of businesses and organisations - says pressure on the line will significantly increase over the next 10 years.

Cuadrilla goes for second fracking consent

After receiving Government permission to frack in Lancashire last month, Cuadrilla has applied for a second consent in order to start the hydraulic fracture process at its second well at Preston New Road.

Peel pushes on with Protos energy-from-waste plant

Peel and operator Covanta are set to press forward with an energy-from-waste facility at Protos energy park, the 126-acre site formerly known as Ince Park. Peel first received consent for a 95-megawatt Refuse Derived Fuel plant in 2009; the consent has since been implemented through the construction of an acoustic fence, but the plant itself has not been built out. Peel's intention is now to develop a smaller energy-from-waste plant instead of the larger RDF plant having received planning consent for the EfW site on Plot 8 of Protos in 2017.

Manchester City Council launches £140m small works programme

Manchester City Council has started the search for contractors to deliver a four-year, £140m small works framework, covering projects across both Greater Manchester and the North West of up to £500,000 in value. Set to be procured across two lots - one covering projects up to £100,000, and the other for projects ranging between £100,000 and £500,000 - the framework will be for an initial three years, starting next year, with the option to extend for another year.

Projects under the framework cover a wide range of sectors and disciplines, including new-build construction, refurbishments, modular buildings, mechanical & electrical, and refurbishments.

https://ted.europa.eu/TED/notice/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:330843-2018:TEXT:EN:HTML&WT.mc_id=RSS-Feed&WT.rss_f=Construction+and+Real+Estate&WT.rss_a=330843-2018&WT.rss_ev=a

Metrolink extension work begins at Trafford Centre

Track laying for the Metrolink's Trafford Park Line has started at the Trafford Centre, the final stop on the £350m light rail extension. The Trafford Park Line is due to open in 2020 and will add a further 5.5km and six stops to Metrolink, already the UK's largest light rail network. The line is being funded by Greater Manchester's devolution deal, which was signed by the city-region's leaders in 2014. Trafford Council is providing £20m towards the project. of industrial, distribution and office uses.

Government announces new Northern Powerhouse body - NP11

Local Enterprise Partnerships in the North of England will form an influential new body to support the government's ambitions for the Northern Powerhouse across the region. The Chairs of each of the 11 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) will sit on a newly formed, government-funded board called the 'NP11'. The board will act as one voice representing each of their regions as a modern day 'Council for the North' to work with and advise the government on issues such as how to increase productivity, overcome regional disparities in economic growth and tackle the historic north-south divide.

New body launched to spearhead rail leadership in the north

Northern Rail Industry Leaders (NRIL) brings together businesses to help develop and support the rail industry in the region. By providing leadership and industry expertise, the group is defining, shaping and delivering a journey of success for the North.

<http://www.northernrailleaders.com/>

Option for underground station at Manchester Piccadilly

An underground station accommodating high-speed rail services as well as Northern Powerhouse services could be built at Manchester Piccadilly. Rail Minister Jo Johnson said in a Commons Written Reply to Mike Kane (Labour, Wythenshawe and Sale East): "The Department is working with Transport for the North, Manchester City Council and Transport for Greater Manchester to explore ways to integrate Northern Powerhouse Rail into an HS2 station at Manchester Piccadilly."

East Lancs railway extension back on the table

Network Rail is to draw up a feasibility study to extend the East Lancashire Heritage Railway from Heywood to Castleton, nearly 10 years after the proposals were first put forward. The proposals to extend the railway between Heywood and Castleton were first mooted by the East Lancashire Railway Trust in 2009, as part of a plan for the railway's future to 2020.

Greater Manchester to create UK's biggest cycling and walking network

Greater Manchester's cycling and walking commissioner Chris Boardman has unveiled plans for 1,000 miles of interlinked bike and walking lanes across Greater Manchester. The 'Beelines' network will see £1.5bn invested over ten years and will include 75 miles of segregated cycle lanes like those found in Holland and Denmark

Beelines will be the largest joined-up system of walking and cycling routes in the UK and has been developed with all ten Greater Manchester local authorities. Once built, the network will better connect every community in Greater Manchester, benefitting 2.7 million people and making cycling and walking a real alternative to the car. The proposals also include plans for 1,400 safer road crossings on the majority of routes and 25 'filtered neighbourhoods', where priority will be given to the movement of people and where more public spaces to sit, play and socialise will be created.

<https://www.tfgm.com/made-to-move/beelines>

8th NDA Estate Supply Chain Event, 1 November 2018, Manchester

The biggest networking event in Europe for nuclear decommissioning

<https://decommsupplyevent.co.uk/>

Recruiting

Graduate opportunity

A CECA NW member and SME is seeking to recruit a civil engineering graduate (or possibly a QS graduate with civils experience). Most works will take place within the North West.

Interested parties should send CVs to Guy Lawson: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk

Work experience

A student is doing a Civil Engineering Degree at Liverpool. He is seeking a placement in industry, either for a year, or over a summer. Interested parties should contact Guy Lawson: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk

Apprenticeships

I have received details from a 16 year old seeking a civil engineering apprenticeship in the Warrington/Wigan/St Helens area from summer 2018, when he leaves school. His profile is below:

I am currently in my final year of high school studying towards 8 GCSEs and a BTEC Sport qualification. I am a motivated individual with good communication skills which I have always used to my advantage in school. Whilst at Junior School I was head of the school council and worked with other students to introduce a range of benefits for the school including a fair trade tuck shop and was recently appointed into the role of Deputy Head of House at my high school where I have taken on a number of leadership roles in supporting other students in the school as well as organising fundraising initiatives to support the schools associated charities.

Key Skills

- Good communication and people skills
- Trustworthy and reliable
- Self-motivated
- Able to use initiative
- Self-confident and Resilient
- Empathetic & a good listener

If you are able to offer an apprenticeship, or would like further details, please let me know.

Tenders

Mersey Drive Extension and Refurbishment, Bury

Expressions of interest close on 03/09/2018.

Contact: Dave Syddall, Bury Council, Email: d.syddall@bury.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Liverpool: Provision of Works - Princes Avenue

Expressions of interest close on 23/08/2018.

Contact: Roger Ruffles, Liverpool City Council, Email: Roger.Ruffles@liverpool.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Extension to Central Vehicle Maintenance Unit, Blackpool

Expressions of interest close on 07/09/2018.

Contact: Helen Thompson, Blackpool Council, Email: helen.thompson@blackpool.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Carlisle Southern Link Road (CSLR) - Expression of Interest

Expressions of interest close on 17/08/2018.

Contact: Clare Redpath, Cumbria County Council, Email: clare.redpath@cumbria.gov.uk

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CSLR Phase One Ground Investigations

Expressions of interest close on 17/08/2018.

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Access Enhancements at Millerground, Windermere, Cumbria

Expressions of interest close on 15/08/2018.

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Drainage Improvement/Repair Works

Expressions of interest close on 20/08/2018.

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Keswick to Threlkeld Multi User Path

Expressions of interest close on 07/09/2018.

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Road Marking and Surfacing

Expressions of interest close on 09/10/2018.

Contact: Kath Johnson, YPO, Email: kath.johnson@ypo.co.uk

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Drain Relining Framework 2018

Expressions of interest close on 10/08/2018.

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Register via East Mids tenders: <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

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