



THE NORTH BLUEPRINT

DELIVERING ACTION TOGETHER

CONFERENCE AGENDA

10:00

Introduction

Alison Nicholl, Head of Constructing Excellence

10:10

Keynote - State of the Region

Lucy Howard, Co-chair of Constructing Excellence and UK Major Bids Lead, Turner & Townsend

10:25

Project showcase - York Central

Rob Auld, Construction Director, McLaren Property

10:45

Break

11:10

Retrofit & Net Zero panel

Chair: Mike Raven.

Panellists: Steve Batty, Professor Dave Glew, Steph Parker and Peter Dodd

11:40

Value vs. Cost workshop

An interactive Value Toolkit activity led by Kathryn Gardner, Director, Avison Young.

12:20

Lunch

13:05

Is the Procurement Act working?

Speaker and Chair: Kieran McGaughey

Panellists: Ross Markwell, Andrea Leigh and Jane Turner.

13:50

Award-winning project showcase

The Rob Burrow Centre for MND; Pilgrim's Quarter; and Hill Dickinson Stadium.

14:35

Break

15:05

Beyond the Hard Hat

Liam Colebrook, Director Cover 3

15:25

The Human Blueprint Panel

Chair: Alison Nicholl

Panellists: Liam Colebrook, Stuart Young, Henrietta Frater, Johnny Lawless

16:00

Close



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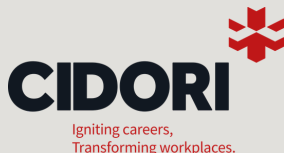
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SMART CONSTRUCTION (INNOVATION) 2026

WHAT TO EXPECT:

INSPIRING KEYNOTE TALKS
INTERACTIVE Q&A SESSIONS
EXHIBITION ZONE
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

WHY ATTEND?

- Discover how **smart technologies** and **modern methods of construction** are transforming the industry
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- Be part of shaping a **more efficient, sustainable, and collaborative future**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

30 SEP

Quarterly Breakfast Club

08:00 - 10:00 | Sheffield

22 OCT

Sargent Electrical site visit

15:30 - 17:00 | Beverley

NOV

PIPE event

Details to be confirmed | Leeds

25 NOV

Building Safety Act Behavioural Competence and Compliance

12:00 - 13:00 | MSTeams

2 DEC

Winter Social Networking & Games

17:30 Onwards | Black Cat Club Leeds

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