23rd June 2023

THIS WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS

**Scottish Civil Engineering Awards 2023: Closing Date less Than 7 Days!**

To allow the organisers to plan for this year's Awards judging panel, **please could you advise** [**Lorraine@cecascotland.co.uk**](mailto:Lorraine@cecascotland.co.uk) **the project name and location of your intended submission(s).**  
  
The Scottish Civil Engineering Awards are open for entries with the closing date less than a month away.

The Awards will be, once again, jointly delivered by CECA Scotland and ICE Scotland.

The awards ceremony will be a lunchtime celebration event at The Caves, 8 Niddry Street South (off the Cowgate) Edinburgh on Friday 22nd September.

The Awards Brochure and Application Form can be downloaded [here.](https://cecascotland.co.uk/scea-2023/)  Projects with an outturn value of £2 million or less can now enter for free. For larger projects, the application fee is £550.

**New forecasts show UK will avoid a recession this year**

**CECA National Update**

You can find the Weekly Update from CECA National

PROMOTING INFRASTRUCTURE

**CECA Give Evidence at the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee in Respect of Petition PE1992: Dual the A9 and Improve Road Safety**

PROCUREMENT, CONTRACT CONDITIONS & PAYMENT

**Note of Liaison Meeting with Scottish Water, 22nd May.**

The CECA Scotland Water Group met with senior Scottish Water officials as part of our regular engagement with this client. The meeting took place on 22nd May and the approved note of the meeting can be read [here.](https://cecascotland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Scottish-Water-Meeting-Notes-2023.05.22-combined.pdf)

The next liaison meeting with Scottish Water is scheduled for Monday 14th August.

**Transport Secretary Role added to Mairi McAllan MSP, Portfolio**

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

**Pop-up toilets: Risk of Crushing - Health and Safety Executive - Safety Notice**

Someone was killed when working underneath a raised telescopic pop-up toilet. He was in the void below when the pop-up toilet lowered, crushing him.

There’s potential danger from:

* the lowering of a raised pop-up toilet during cleaning, maintenance or inspection activity
* intentional or unintentional access to the chamber underneath a raised, unpropped pop-up toilet

Designers, manufacturers, suppliers, owners, and anyone providing information for, or carrying out, cleaning, maintenance or inspection of pop-up toilets must manage risk during work. [View the safety alert for full details](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmhzZS5nb3YudWsvc2FmZXR5YnVsbGV0aW5zL3BvcHVwLXRvaWxldHMuaHRtP3V0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ249cG9wdXAtdG9pbGV0cy1zYSZ1dG1fdGVybT1zYWZldHktYWxlcnQmdXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9c2FmZXR5LWFsZXJ0LTE5LWp1bi0yMyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA2MTkuNzg0NDY0OTEifQ.jkLSnoPDLvFkEdrsUkUkwBrDwqDQRHsTixYBk7SfTRI/s/668620512/br/206067047718-l)

**Scottish Occupational Road Safety Alliance (ScORSA)**

RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND SKILLS

**Labour Market Statistics**

At the end of May the labour market statistics show a worsening picture for Scotland’s labour

market in the first quarter of 2023. Employment rate fell by 1.2 percentage points from

the previous quarter and economic inactivity saw an increase of 1.4 percentage points.

*Table 1: Labour Force Survey estimates from January to March 2023*

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|  | **Unemploy**  **ment**  **(%)** | **Unemploy**  **ment**  **(ppts)**  **Quarter Change** | **Employment (%)** | **Employment**  **(ppts) Quarter**  **Change** | **Economic**  **Inactivity (%)** | **Economic**  **Inactivity**  **(ppts)**  **Quarter**  **Change** |
| ***Scotland*** | **3.1** | -0.2 | **75.3** | -1.2 | **22.2** | 1.4 |
| ***UK*** | **3.9** | 0.1 | **75.9** | 0.2 | **21.0** | -0.4 |

Record high levels of long-term sickness.

* The ONS said that Q1 2023 labour market statistics reflected the biggest flow from inactivity into employment on record, although the UK workforce remains smaller than it was before the pandemic, partly because of record levels of long-term sickness.
* Analysis by the Work Foundation shows that despite record high levels in long-term sickness, one in five might come back into work with the right support. Therefore, there’s an urgent need for investment in social care and occupational health (Source: Work Foundation).
* The right mix of health and employment support, coupled with good job design could enable some of these workers to re-join the labour market.

**Summer Placement**

We have a young person who is looking for work experience over the summer months, which could potentially lead to employment.

If you have any opportunities within your organisation, feel free to contact him direct. To access his CV, click [here](https://cecascotland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Tyler-Cook-CV.docx.pdf)

**Graduate Apprenticeships information webinar - University of Dundee**

University of Dundee are holding a FREE webinar to help develop the Business, IT and Engineering skills of your workforce (of all ages) at no additional cost to your business.

Join them online on Wednesday 28 June to find out how their fully funded Graduate Apprenticeship Programme can help you to develop the knowledge, skills, and experience of your workforce, whilst helping your business grow.

With fully funded honours degree courses available in Business Management, IT Management for Business, IT Software Development, Civil Engineering, and Engineering, Design and Manufacturing, they can help you develop employees from across your business.

At the event, you will find out everything you need to know about their Graduate Apprenticeship Programme and how it can help you to develop talent, boost performance, and grow your business.

**Find out more**

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Paul at w.paul@dundee.ac.uk.

If you would like to find out more about the Graduate Apprenticeship Programme, and register to attend the webinar please visit  [Graduate Apprenticeship website](https://www.dundee.ac.uk/graduate-apprenticeships).

**UK Government Industry Training Board Review**

The UK Department for Education (DfE) will shortly be announcing its scheduled review into the role and effectiveness of both the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB).

The review will consider the ongoing need for the Industry Training Boards (ITBs), the effectiveness of the levy process and how it is invested, so that they continue to deliver for the public and represent a responsible use of levy funds.

The review will be led by an independent lead reviewer, Mark Farmer, CEO of Cast Consultancy.

**SCDI Productivity Clubs**

**CITB Performance Update**

**Esteem Training – Build a Better Leader Programme**

**Young Person Networking Event; 8th June, Glasgow**

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| **MONTH** | **DATE** | **EVENT** | **TRAINING PROVIDER** | **DAYS** | **VENUE/PLATFORM** |
| **August** | 17.08.23 | Safe Digging | CECA | 0.5 | Sibbald Training |
|  | 31.08.23 | CECA Annual Golf Day |  |  | Bruntsfield Golf Club |
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| **September** | 21.09.23 | NEC4 Pricing NEC Contracts/Managing Risks | Glenn Hide | 1.0 | MS Teams |
|  | 22.09.23 | Scottish Civil Engineering Awards | CECA/ICE | 0.5 | The Caves, Edinburgh |
|  | 28.09.23 | Health & Safety and the Law | Pinsent Masons | 0.5 | Stirling Court Hotel |
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| **October** | 05.10.23 | NEC4 Contract Data & Z Clauses | Glenn Hide | 1.0 | MS Teams |
|  | 24.10.23 | NEC4 EEC Overview | Glenn Hide | 1.0 | MS Teams |
|  | 26.10.23 | NEC4 Contract Data & Z Clauses | Glenn Hide | 1.0 | MS Teams |
|  | 31.10.23 | ForrestBrown Case Study | ForrestBrown | 0.5 | Inchrya Grange Hotel |
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| **November** | 02.11.23 | NEC4 Pricing NEC Contracts/Managing Risks | Glenn Hide | 1.0 | MS Teams |
|  | 14.11.23 | NEC ECS Overview | Glenn Hide | 1.0 | MS Teams |
|  | TBC | Carbon Net | Pinsent Masons |  | Online |
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**CECA Scotland Events Calendar**

Please note that Glenn Hide Workshops open for registration 6 weeks prior to the date. If you would like any information about these events, please contact [Joanne@cecascotland.co.uk](mailto:Joanne@cecascotland.co.uk).

ENVIRONMENT AND NET ZERO

**Talking Tenders with NatureScot: Peatland Restoration Projects, 27 June 2:00-3:30pm**

If your organisation is considering diversifying into peatland restoration and are interested in doing business with NatureScot, please join them to hear vital information about upcoming Peatland projects.

During this Talking Tenders webinar, NatureScot will also discuss what it needs from potential suppliers with regards to climate change and fair work first, in addition to telling you about the future pipeline of potential contracts.

***AGENDA***

14:00 - SDP welcome and introductions.

14:10 - NatureScot will provide background information regarding: Models of procurement, standing orders, Quick Quotes and also discuss key policy requirements e.g., fair work first / net zero expectations     
The experts from NatureScot will give us an insight into some of the common mistakes previously made by bidders and the importance of completing the relevant documents

15:15 Q & A session

15:30 Close

If you are registered with the Supplier Development Programme you can register to attend [here](https://www.sdpscotland.co.uk/account/?from=events/event-1517/) if you are not a registered user with an account, you can open an account [here.](https://www.sdpscotland.co.uk/register/?from=events/event-1517/)

THIS WEEK IN HOLYROOD

**Questions**

[**Next Week’s Business**](https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/whats-on-and-watch-live/whats-on?dateFrom=5/30/2023#wm)

Tuesday 27 June 2023

Chamber business

* 2pm

Time for Reflection

* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
* Topical Questions (if selected)
* Scottish Government Business
* Committee Announcements
* Business Motions
* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
* 5:20pm

Decision Time

* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 June 2023

Chamber business

* 2pm

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

* 2pm

Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

* Stage 3 Proceedings: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill
* Business Motions
* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
* Approval of SSIs (if required)
* 5:25pm

Decision Time

* Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2023

Chamber business

* 11:40am

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

* 11:40am

General Questions

* 12pm

First Minister's Questions

* Scottish Government Business
* Business Motions
* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
* 1:15pm

Decision Time

* Members' Business