



# Civil ENGINEERING at UCD

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# Outline

➤ Pathways & Opportunities  
Patrick Purcell



➤ Recent Graduate Experience  
Margaret Tobin



➤ Current Student Experience  
Laurence Gaule



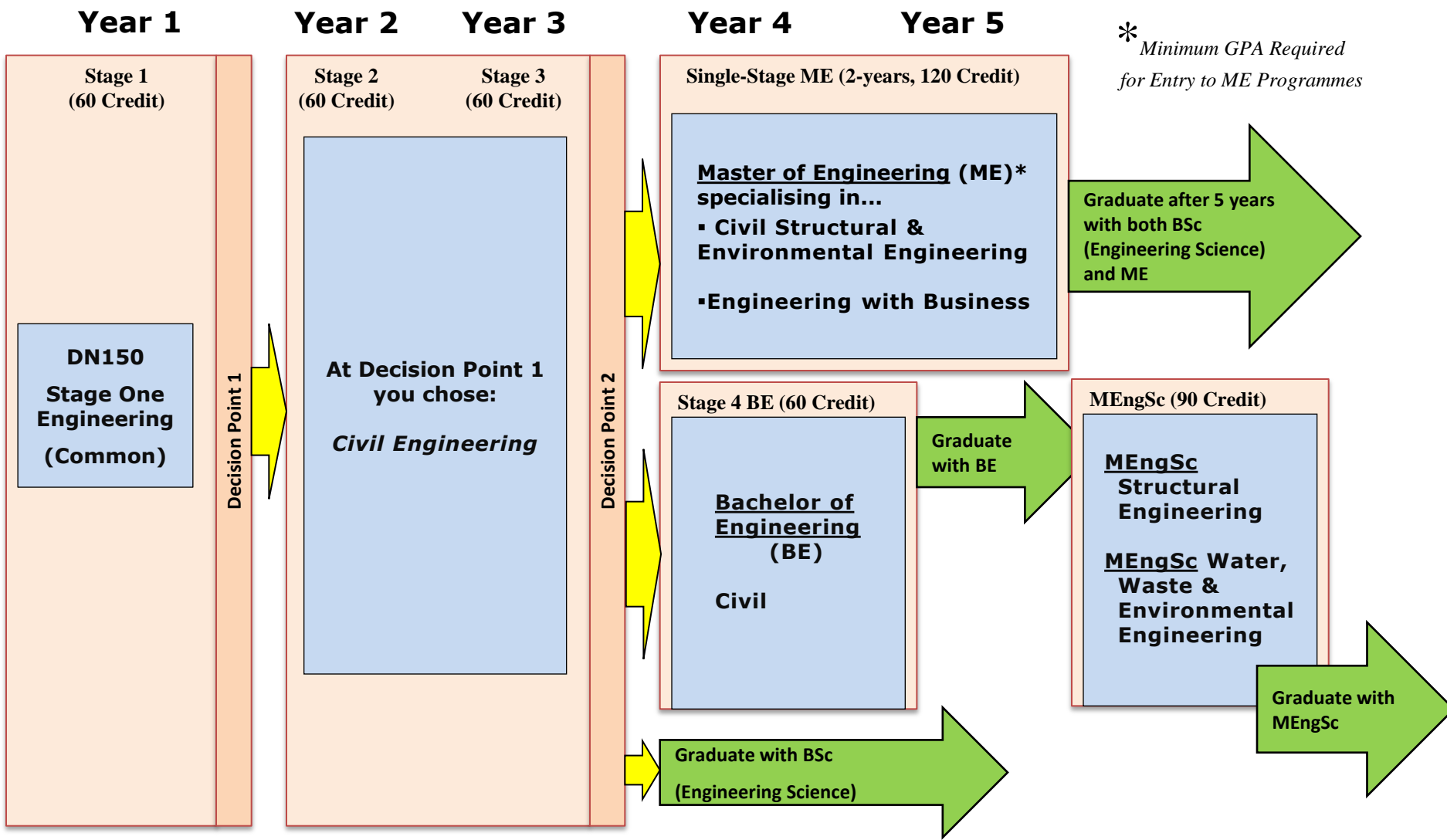
# Why Civil Engineering?



- Rewarding, well-paid career
- Significant job-opportunities at present
- Shortage of graduate Civil Engineers
- Great variety of work and career paths



# Pathways



# BE (Civil) Programme outline



## Stage 2

### ➤ Semester 1

- ✓ *Environmental Engineering Fundamentals*
- ✓ *Construction Materials*
- ✓ *Soil Mechanics 1*
- ✓ *Hydraulics 1*
- ✓ *Multivariable Calculus 1*
- ✓ *Option module*



### ➤ Semester 2

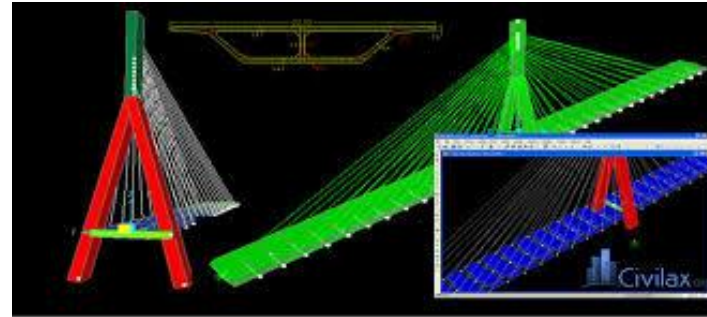
- ✓ *Mechanics of Solids*
- ✓ *Computer Applications in Civil Engineering*
- ✓ *Construction Practice*
- ✓ *Design and Communications*
- ✓ *Statistics & Probability*
- ✓ *Option module*



# BE (Civil) Programme outline



## Stage 3



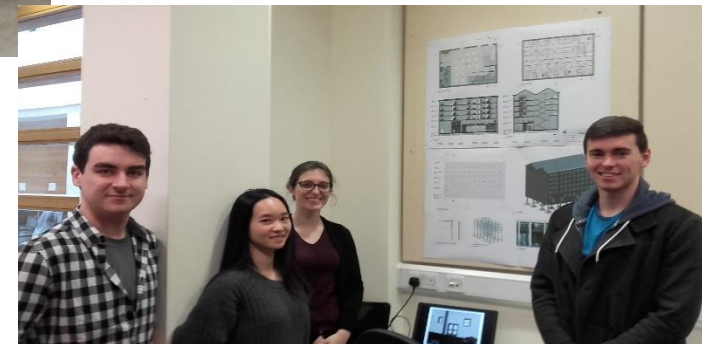
### ➤ Semester 1

- ✓ *Design of Structures*
- ✓ *Professional Engineering*
- ✓ *Hydraulics 2*
- ✓ *Stress & Finite Element Analysis*
- ✓ *Multivariable Calculus 2*
- ✓ *Option module*



### ➤ Semester 2

- ✓ *Soil Mechanics 2*
- ✓ *Analysis of Structures*
- ✓ *Geology for Civil Engineers*
- ✓ *Group Design Project*
- ✓ *Modelling and Simulation*
- ✓ *Option module*



# BE (Civil) Programme outline



## Stage 4

MIEI  
Add experience  
and/or MEngSc for  
Chartered Engineer

### ➤ Semester 1

- ✓ *Structural Analysis Design & Specification*
- ✓ *Civil Engineering Design*
- ✓ *Civil Engineering Systems*
- ✓ *Geotechnical Engineering*

### ➤ Semester 2

- ✓ *Water Engineering*
- ✓ *Highway Engineering*
- ✓ *Engineering Project*
- ✓ *Option Modules*



# ME (Civil, Structural & Environmental)



Course code: T298

- Accredited as meeting Educational standard for Chartered Eng

Semester 1, Year 1 Core Modules		Core Credits	Option Credits	Semester 2, Year 1 Option Modules		Core Credits	Option Credits
CVEN40150	Structural Analysis, Design and Specification	5			Professional Work Experience Option		
CVEN40720	Geotechnical Engineering	5		CVEN40730	Professional Work Experience (January to August - see note below*)		30
CVEN40320	Case Studies	5			OR:		
CVEN40690	Civil Engineering Systems	5			Design Project + 4 Option Modules		
CVEN40390	Innovation Leadership	5					
CVEN40300	Construction Management	5		CVEN40500	Design Project	-	10
No option modules			0	Choose FOUR Modules from Option list below			20
<b>SEMESTER CREDIT TOTALS</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>SEMESTER CREDIT TOTALS</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Semester 1, Year 2 Core Modules:</b>				<b>Semester 2, Year 2 Core Module:</b>			
CVEN40540	Engineering Research Project [Year-long]	15		CVEN40540	Engineering Research Project [Year-Long]	10	
STAT40690	Quantitative Methods for Engineers	5		CVEN40710	Highway Engineering	5	
CVEN40700	Water Engineering	5		CVEN40330	Construction Management	5	
<b>Semester 1, Year 2: ONE Module from Option List Below</b>				<b>Semester 2, Year 2: TWO Modules from Option List Below</b>			
	Option Module		5		Option Modules		10
<b>SEMESTER CREDIT TOTALS</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>SEMESTER CREDIT TOTALS</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>



# ME (Civil Engineering & Business)



In conjunction with  
Michael Smurfit  
Graduate Business  
School

Course code: T166

Accredited as meeting  
Educational standard for  
Chartered Engineer

<p><b>TECHNICAL OPTIONS: MINIMUM 30 CREDITS FROM BELOW. MODULES HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW BELOW ARE COMPULSORY AND MUST BE TAKEN. SELECTION WILL BE SUBJECT TO ACADEMIC, TIMETABLING AND PREREQUISITE CONSTRAINTS AND MUST BE MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COURSE COORDINATOR.</b></p>			
<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Select at least one option module from following:</b>
CVEN40150	Structural Analysis, Design and Specification	CVEN40700	Water Engineering
CVEN40320	Case Studies	CVEN40070	Unit Treatment Processes in Water Engineering
CVEN40720	Geotechnical Engineering	CVEN40080	Hydraulic Engineering Design
CVEN40220	Intoduction to Water Resources Engineering 1	-	<b>Select at least one option module from following:</b>
CVEN40690	Civil Engineering Systems	CVEN40710	Highway Engineering
		CVEN40060	Transport Ops and Planning
		CVEN30110	Transportation Engineering

# Employment Opportunities



- Consulting
- Contracting
- Public Agencies
- Education
- Other :
  - Law
  - Financial Services
  - Project Management
  - Information Technology
  - Etc.

# Graduation



# Employers



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# Employment

Mark Glisenan

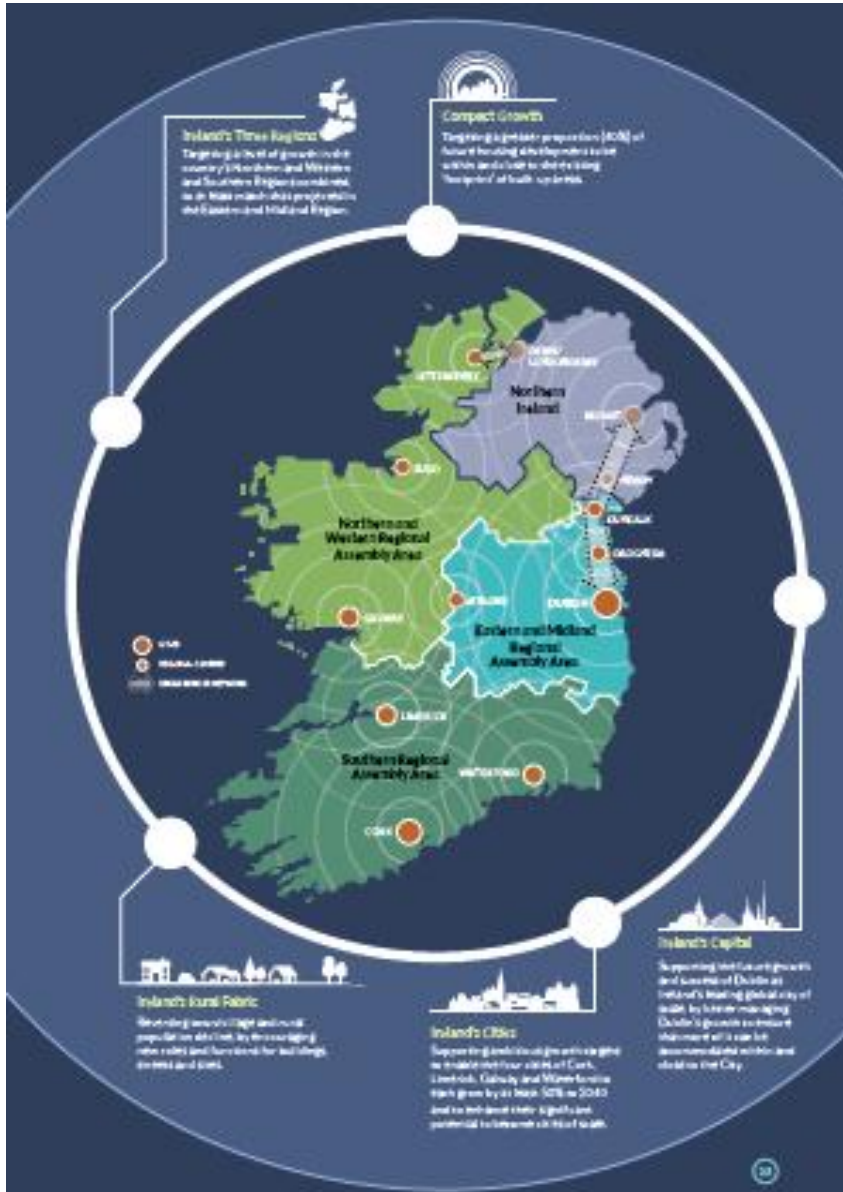
Erasmus at University of  
Connecticut 2012

ME (Civil) Graduate 2014

Bridge Engineer AECOM UK



# Project Ireland 2040



€116 Billion

# Communication



Boyne Bridge. Source: TII



# Energy





# Water & Environment



# Coastal & Flood Defences



Glass wall flood defence, Waterford. Source: OPW

# Transportation

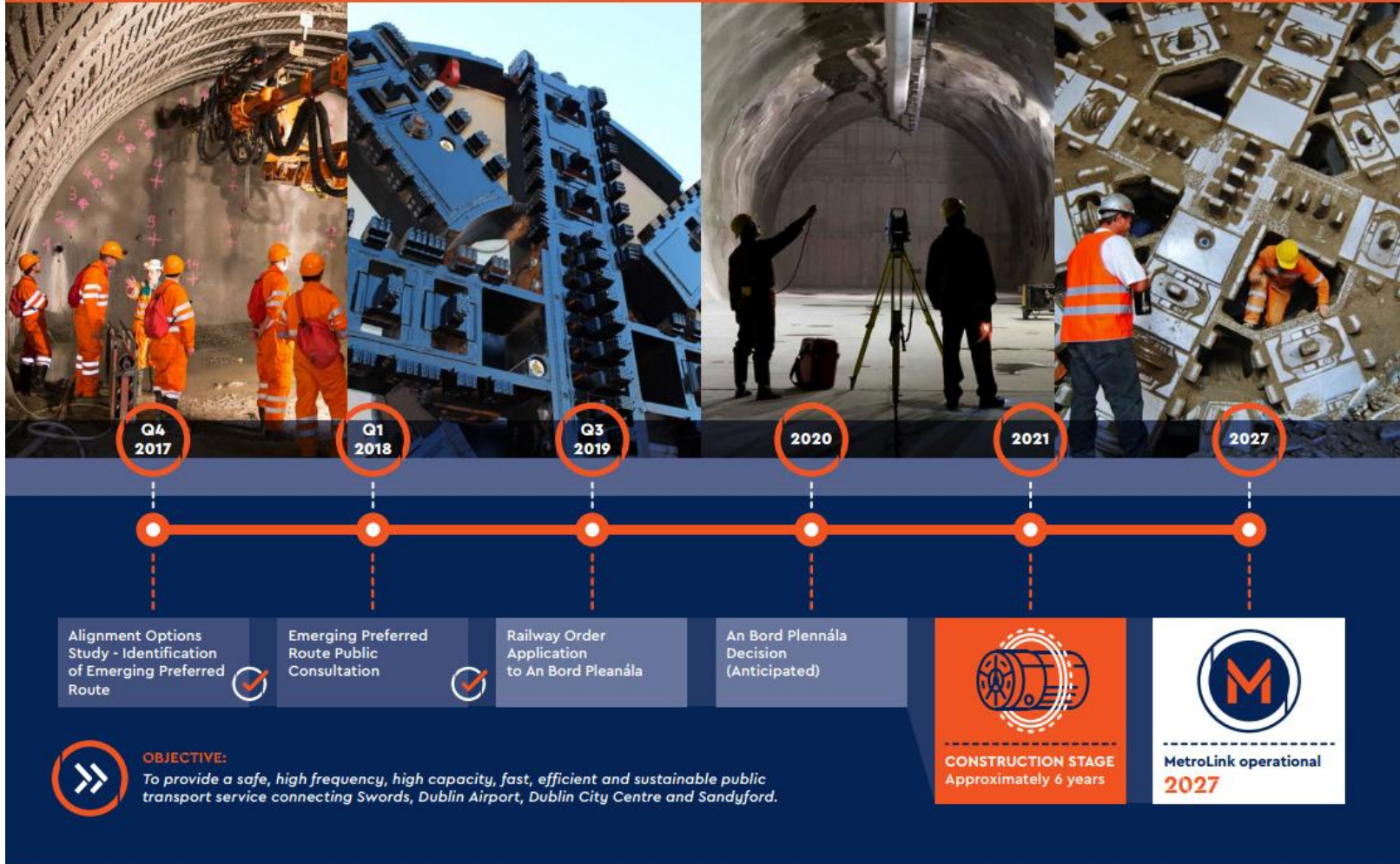


# MetroLink



## METROLINK

### Project Schedule



**OBJECTIVE:**

To provide a safe, high frequency, high capacity, fast, efficient and sustainable public transport service connecting Swords, Dublin Airport, Dublin City Centre and Sandyford.



CONSTRUCTION STAGE  
Approximately 6 years



MetroLink operational  
2027

# Education & Health



# UCD SCHOOL OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

Margaret Tobin ME (Hons),  
MStructE, MIEI





# What I'm Going To Talk About

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- A Bit About Me
- Why I Choose Structural Engineering with  
Architecture
- My Experience
- Graduates
- My Advice

# A Bit About Me

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- Margaret Tobin
- Carrick on Suir, Tipperary
- Dairy and Beef Farm
- CAO – Engineering, Agriculture Science, Architecture and Primary School Teaching
- September 2016 – 2.1 BSc in Structural Engineering with Architecture
- September 2017 – 1.1 MEng in Structural Engineering with Architecture





# Why I Choose Structural Engineering with Architecture

Childhood



I.T. Work  
Experience



Chicago

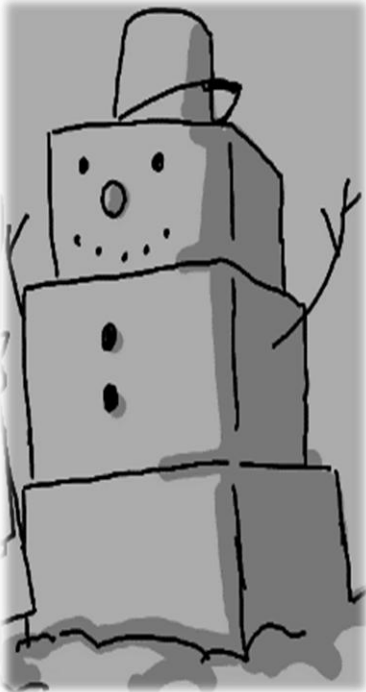


*This course mainly focuses on the **how's and why's of what goes into making structures stand and work** whilst also giving us a **snapshot of architecture** and allowing us to think laterally about the overall aesthetics of a project and*

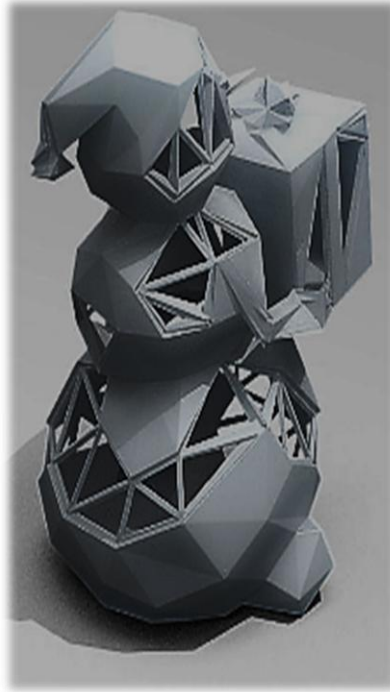
# Engineering and Architecture

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When there is no  
communication/understanding between the  
Engineer and Architect

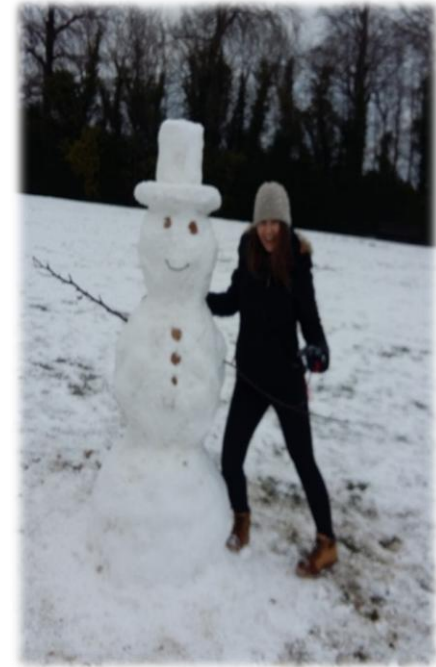


An Engineer's  
Snowman



An Architect's  
Snowman

When there  
is..



# College Life..

- Picked modules of relevance
- Got involved – volunteered, got to

6 NEWS

## ESB Brighter Possibilities Challenge



The winning UCD Team with Brendan Barry, Innovation and Michael Loughnane, Group HR.

THE INAUGURAL ESB Brighter Possibilities Challenge took place at IMI in Sandford on 30th October. The event is designed to encourage engineering excellence among un-

dergraduates, on a remote island off the West Coast of Ireland. The teams had 3.5 hours to complete the design and prepare a pitch for the judging panel. The undergraduates quickly de-

veloped talent and the ambition of the undergraduates as they used a wide range of skills to create innovative solutions and show bright possibilities to solve a difficult challenge.

The teams also had an opportunity to meet some of our own engineering talent and recruitment specialists. The undergraduates learned a lot about engineering life in industry, careers in ESB and really valued this unique learning opportunity.

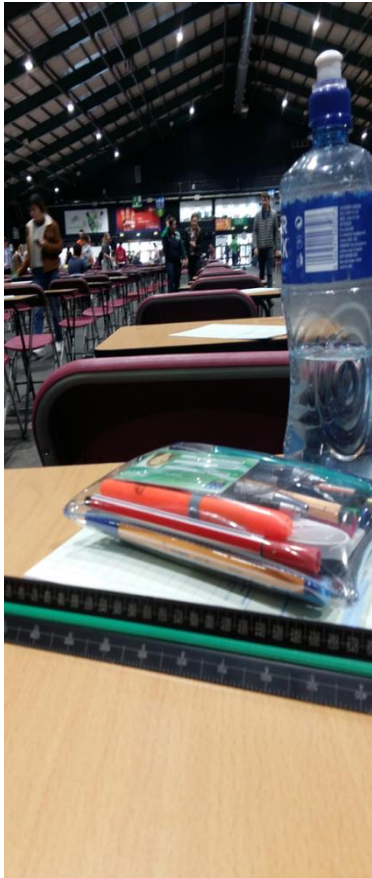
Congratulations to the winning team from UCD. They were awarded iPad personal tablets and an offer of an internship with ESB for the summer of 2015.

We look forward to welcoming the UCD team to ESB next summer and wish all of the participants well as they progress with their studies and in their future careers ahead.



# College Life..

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# Work Life

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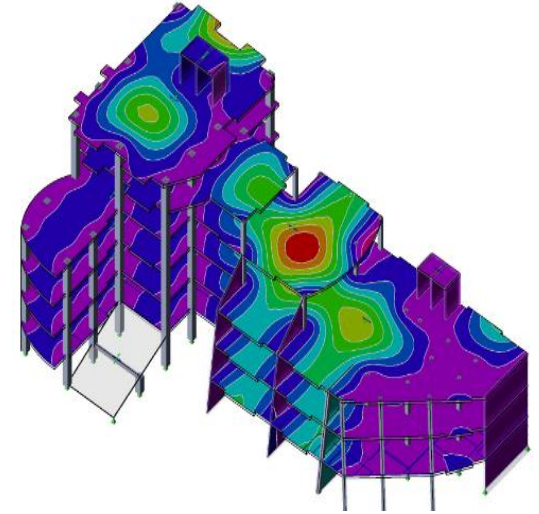
- Design team member
- Projects: Hospital, Residential, Commercial, Sports and Artistic

- Typical Day:

- Liaising with the Architect of a variety of projects
- Contacting firms/suppliers
- Design
- Analysis

The logo for AECOM, featuring the letters 'AECOM' in a bold, dark blue font. The letter 'E' is stylized with a horizontal bar that transitions from blue to green.The logo for ARUP, featuring the letters 'ARUP' in a classic, black, serif font.

# Work Life

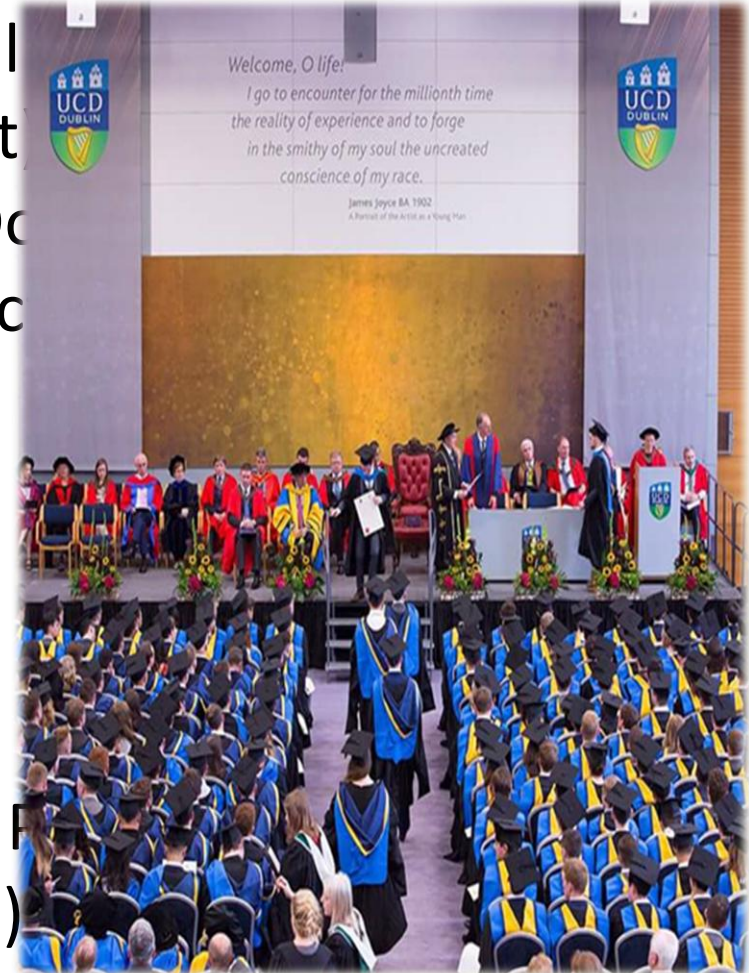


# Work Life



# The 2017 Graduating Class

- Jason Noctor – ESB International
- Eoghan Kilroy – ARUP (Transport)
- Connor Lehane – Roughnan O’Donoghue
- Dan McLoughlin – AECOM (Structures)
- Shane McHugh – ARUP Façade
- Martin O’Donovan - ATKINS
- Liam DeHora - DBFL
- Sinead Lalor - DBFL
- Christy Haney - DBFL
- Muhammad Arslan Khan – UCD F&E
- Will Gleason – OCSC (Structures)

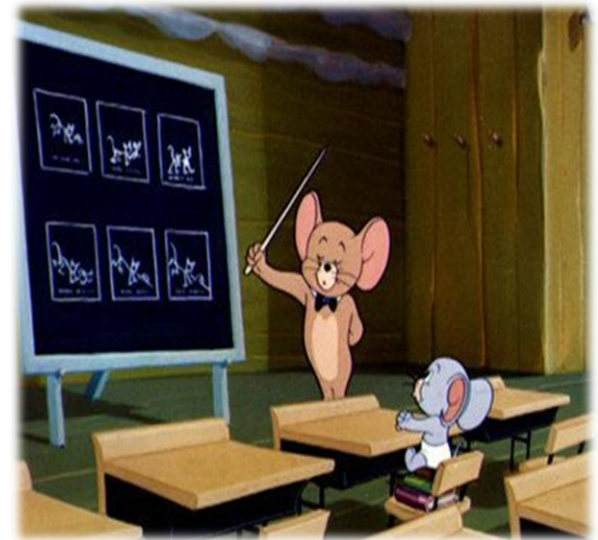




# What Advice I Would Give...

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- Consider all the options
- Talk to the students in the years ahead.
- Choose your course based on what you like.
- Go to the lectures.
- Don't panic.



# Final Thoughts...

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- Join the Institutions as a Student –  
Engineer's Ireland etc..
- Value your work placement and any  
experience you can get.
- Be thinking about the years ahead.

# Any Questions...

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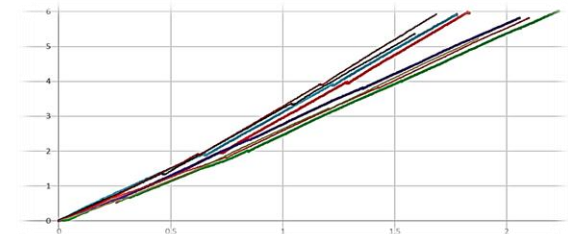
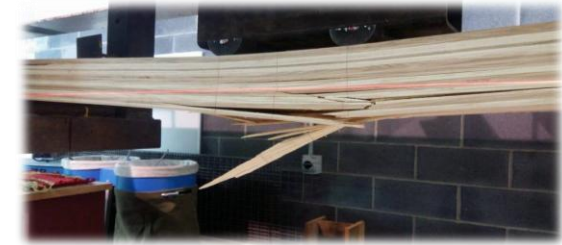
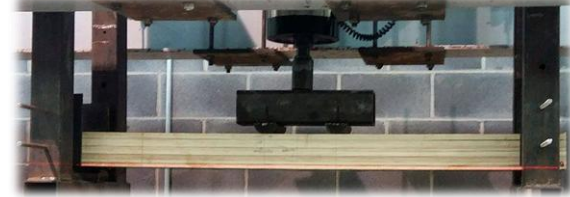
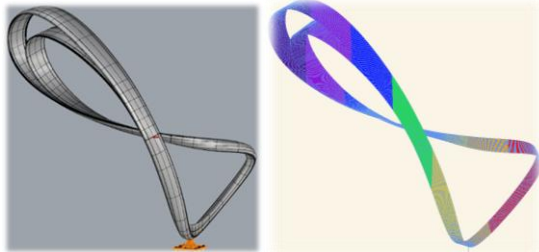


Thank  
you.

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# FRP Reinforcement in Complex Laminate Geometries

UCD - Margaret Tobin



*The Institution  
of Structural  
Engineers*

JOSEPH WALSH



# UCD Engineering – First Year Talk

Larry Gaule

Final Year ME in Civil Engineering

# Background



From Kilkenny



Secondary School in  
New Ross



Final Year Masters in Civil  
Engineering Student



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# What do Civil Engineers do

Plan, design, build and supervise construction projects



- Roads
- Buildings and Structures
- Airports
- Tunnels
- Bridges
- Water and Wastewater treatment

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# Why Civil Engineering



- Interested in how things worked
- Interested in structures and how they are built
- Enjoyed programmes such as MegaStructures, How It's Made, Grand Designs...



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# Choosing your route...



- Invaluable work experience
- Masters Degree after 5 years (Level 9 – NQF)
- Direct route to Chartership (Professional Engineer)



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# First to Third Year...

First  
Year

- Physics
- Linear Algebra
- Chemistry
- Design and Materials

**COMPLETED**

Seco  
nd  
Year

- Construction Practice
- Statistics
- Soil Mechanics
- Hydraulics
- Construction Materials
- Calculus II
- Design of Structures

Third  
Year

- Soils II
- Hydraulics II
- Analysis of Structures
- Geology
- Professional Engineering
- Elasticity and

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# Field Trips



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# Third Year Placement

- May to September
- Organised by the school
- Lakeland Dairies  
Project Cavan



# What next...

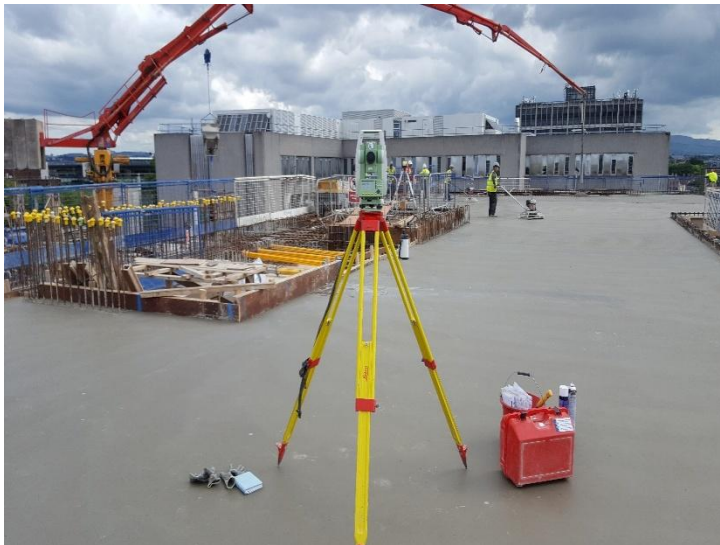


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# Placement – Tall

- Enjoyed placement (rather too much..!)
- Decided to go working again
- January to September 2016
- LinkedIn Project



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# Placement – Take II



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# Placement – Take II walls | w



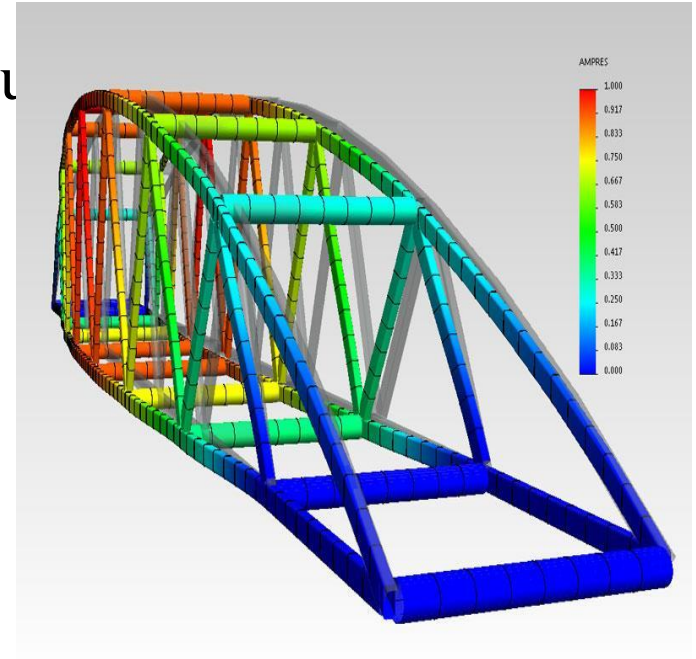
Who done it  
better...?

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# Fourth Year

- ❖ Masters In Civil Engineering
- ❖ More modules on offer – You choose your route
- Structural Analysis
- Geotechnical Engineering
- FRP
- Case Studies – Engineering Design
- Second Semester – Work Placement



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# Fourth Year Place



- January to September 2017
- Organised by the college
- Ward and Burke – Irish owned company from Galway
- Working on Tunnelling and reinforced concrete shafts – water and wastewater

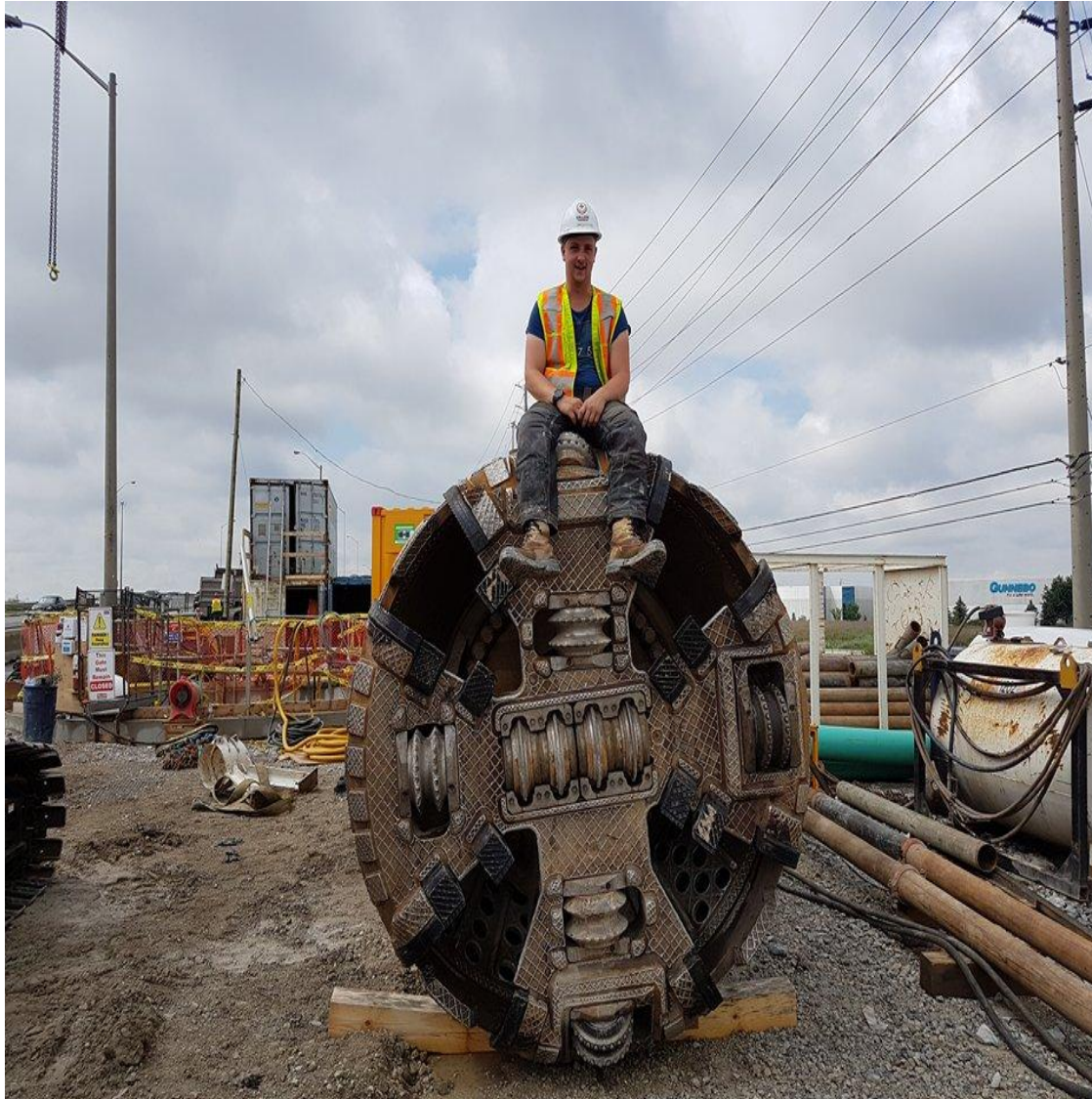


**Pipelines**  
**Canada**   
Opportunity to travel...!

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# Fourth Year Placement Canada



- Invaluable Experience
- Responsibility
- Travel
- \$\$\$\$
- Apply college work to the real world

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# Fourth Year Place Canada



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# Final Year

- Water Engineering
- Structural Dynamics
- Bridge Engineering
- Geotech II
- Construction Management
- Highway Engineering

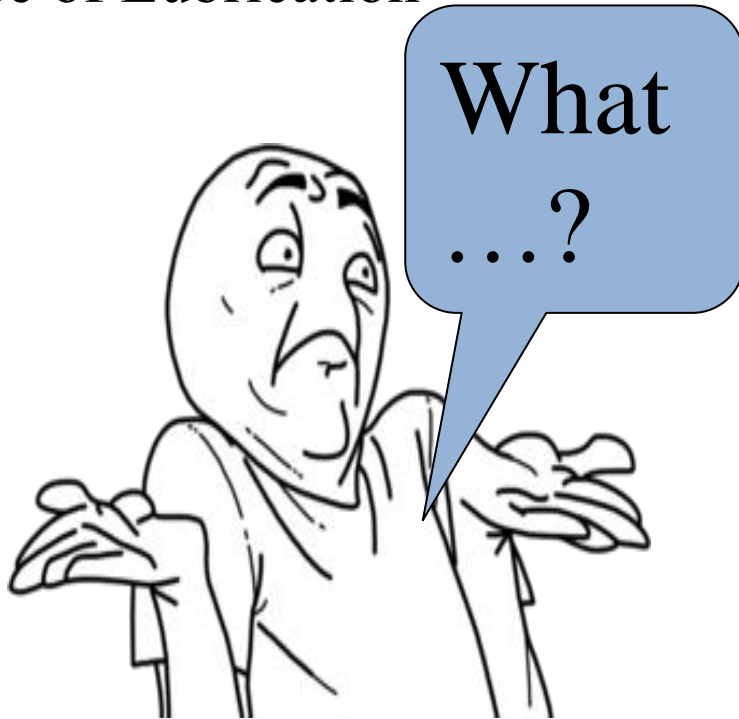


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# Thesis

- Based on the work I was doing in Canada...
- ‘Reduction in Skin Friction when Microtunnelling through the use of Lubrication’



# The Future...

**‘State’s infrastructure plans threatened by engineer shortage’**

Irish Times, August 2016



**‘Huge demand for qualified engineers’**

Irish Examiner, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2017

**‘Crisis Shortage of Civil Engineers in Ireland’**



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# State Projects...



Dublin Airport

- € 350m
- 2017 - 2021



- € 1bn
- 2017 - 2022

**Good  
Sign of  
Economic**

- € 3bn
- 2020 - 2027

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# Contracting

- Generally on-site everyday
- Mix of site work and office based work
- Perform on-site checks, setting out, surveying, calculations, etc.
- Hours vary 8am – 6pm (depends on company)
- More Responsibility

€30,000 +



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# Consulting...

- Generally office based work
- Perform structural calculations, preparing tender documents etc
- Hours 9am – 5pm (depends on company)



**OCSC**  
O'CONNOR | SUTTON | CRONIN  
Multidisciplinary  
Consulting Engineers

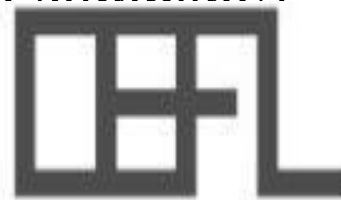
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BARRETT MAHONY



DBFL Consulting Engineers

BYRNE LOOBY

25k - €30k

**AECOM**

**PM**  
GROUP

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# Not limited to Civil Engineering



**Deloitte.**



Bonneagar Iompair Éireann  
Transport Infrastructure Ireland



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council



**TOYOTA**



**Bank of Ireland**



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# What's Next...



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# Still Unsure...

## Have a chat after this

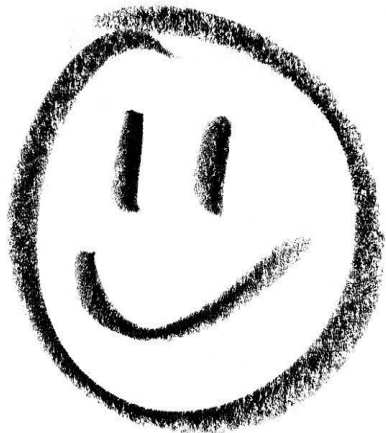
Email – <sup>talk</sup>

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