

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS – REPUBLIC OF IRELAND LOCAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2026

PRESENTED BY RoI BRANCH CHAIR KEITH ELLIOTT AT AGM, 12 OCTOBER 2026

This Report is presented broadly under the subject headings of the ICE RoI Branch Business Plan submitted to ICE HQ in December 2025.

1. Qualification and Membership

ICE membership in the Republic of Ireland remained steady during this period, with over 600 members indicating RoI as their location in October 2026. The majority of members have indicated an ongoing interest in ICE activities by registering email addresses for ICE communications. Members are reminded that in order to receive RoI Branch emails they must have indicated their interest in receiving such emails through the MyICE member portal.

Approximately half of the membership consists of Chartered Members and Fellows, with the majority of the balance being Graduate Members and Students, and a small number (less than 10) of Associate Members and Technicians. The significant graduate and student membership reflects the ongoing work of our Early Careers Network (ECNet) Committee in promoting ICE to graduates and to undergraduates at colleges across the Republic.

The number of Fellows continues to be low at just over 20 – less than 4% of the total membership. The Committee is aware of a small number of members currently aspiring to Fellowship, but it is felt that many other ICE members meet or exceed the criteria for Fellowship but either feel that they do not have time to prepare their Fellowship application or fear that they may not be accepted. The ICE RoI Committee now includes 5 Fellows, who are all committed to encouraging suitably experienced members to apply for Fellowship.

a) Meetings

The Committee of the ICE Republic of Ireland Branch met monthly from September 2025 through to June 2026. The majority of these meetings took place online using the Zoom platform, enabling attendance by Committee members from a wide range of locations including Limerick, Cork and Wicklow and even from hotels and airports in various overseas locations! With the online option suiting most Committee members, in-person meetings continue to be limited to the ICE RoI Annual General Meeting and the annual joint Committee Meeting with the Civil Division of Engineers Ireland, both of which have the option for members to attend in person at Engineers Ireland's premises at No. 22 Clyde Road in Dublin. Additionally, the ICE RoI Annual Dinner affords ICE Committee members the opportunity to meet and network with fellow members and others in a social setting.

Both Main Committee and ECNet Committee have continued to attract new members throughout the year. Overall, however, due to the departure of several members of both committees due to work and other commitments, Committee membership has decreased slightly, from 31 in October 2025 to 28, comprising 16 Main Committee Members and 12 ECNet Committee Members. Thanks to the online meeting platform, both committees continue to include members located outside the Dublin region. The online platform has also ensured a high level of attendance at Committee meetings.

Following the 2025 AGM, the role of Hon. Secretary was assumed by Gnanasai (Sai) Moorthy. This means that for the first time in several years, all of the formal Officer roles are now filled. However, as in previous years, additional committee members continue to be needed (a) to replace members who

need to step down, (b) to maintain the dynamism of the Committee and ensure a steady flow of ideas for Branch activities and events and (c) to provide a pool of potential candidates to take on the Officer roles as they arise and thus ensure that the RoI Branch continues to thrive.

As in previous years, the December 2025 committee meeting was a joint meeting with Engineers Ireland's Civil Division. It is planned that this will take place again in December 2026, which will be the twelfth year of this collaboration.

b) Early Careers Network (ECNet)

There is an active ECNet Committee which has continued to meet during the year. The ECNet Committee interacts with third-level colleges in a number of different ways, principally supporting initiatives led by the NI/RoI Membership Development Team based in Northern Ireland. ECNet Committee members took part in several in-person third-level visits in the 2025-2026 academic year and this activity continues in the current academic year.

The Committee also arranged a number of events such as webinars on the ICE professional attributes and careers for women in civil engineering, which proved popular with the target audience of third-level Civil Engineering students and new graduates. In addition, a site visit to a major wastewater treatment was arranged.

The proactive approach of the ECNet Committee under the leadership of Yash Rastogi led to a number of new ICE student members from several colleges, as well as inspiring several graduate and student members to volunteer to join the ECNet Committee.

At the ICE RoI Annual Dinner in April 2026, members of the ECNet Committee entertained a number of their counterparts from the NI ECNet Committee, continuing to develop the relationship between the ECNet committees north and south of the border.

c) Other Membership Matters

As Chair of the ICE RoI Branch, it is appropriate to record the professional achievements and activities of members of our Committees.

Our Country Representative Yvonne Murphy continues to fly the flag for the RoI Branch in the upper echelons of ICE. Her current Council term finishes in November 2026, but as she was elected as a Trustee for a 3-year term starting in November 2025 with the portfolio "Member Engagement and Relationship with Council", she will continue to attend Council as an Observer Trustee until November 2028, in addition to Trustee Board meetings with the ICE President. Yvonne is also an ICE Benevolent Fund Visitor and serves as charity trustee/director for a 3-year term which concludes in January 2028, in addition to her ongoing roles as a Professional Reviewer and ICE Policy Fellow. She completed her Institute of Directors Diploma this year with distinction and is working towards Chartered Director status.

Immediate Past Chair, Cormac Bradley, is a Professional Reviewer for Engineers Ireland and Chair of the Board of Examiners. Cormac is also now Chairman of the Judging Panel for Engineers Ireland's Chartered Engineer of the Year award, having served as a panel member for a number of years.

Honorary Secretary Sai Moorthy is a Mentor and Professional Reviewer. He is also a member of the ICE's Academic Qualification Panel.

Our Treasurer, David Brody, recently added Chartered membership of the Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors to his list of qualifications.

Current ECNet Chair, Yash Rastogi, passed his chartership review in March 2026 and is a Professional Reviewer.

Former ECNet Chair Sumana Jain Kelly has just completed a term as the RoI Regional Representative on the ECNet International Committee and has since been elected as an ICE Benevolent Fund Trustee for a 3-year term. Sumana is also a Benevolent Fund Visitor and last year she completed a Master of Engineering degree in civil engineering.

ECNet Committee member Dharshini Gurunathan has taken over from Sumana as the RoI Regional Representative on the ECNet International Committee.

Main Committee member Amy Farrell achieved Incorporated Engineer status in October 2025.

Main Committee member Henry Poh is a Professional Reviewer and mentor, and provides support and training for members seeking to become reviewers.

Main Committee member Mumu Mutulili is a Professional Reviewer.

Anagha Ramadas, who recently joined the Main Committee, became a Chartered Engineer in March 2025 and was appointed as a Mentor in July 2025.

ECNet Committee member Talent Chisara achieved Chartership in July 2026.

Congratulations are due to all of the above on their achievements and ongoing commitment to ICE.

I would like to reiterate that ICE is keen to increase the number of Fellows, particularly from the cohort of women Chartered Engineers. There are many members with vast experience who would readily qualify for Fellowship and all Chartered members are encouraged to review the Fellowship criteria and consider putting themselves forward for Fellowship. The promotion of this aspect of ICE to the RoI membership remains a priority for the RoI Committee.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge two of our former committee members who have recently decided to step down, having both contributed enormously to the work of ICE.

Catherine O'Brien joined the Main Committee in 2020 and for the past 6 years has been an active and proactive member. Notable contributions included:

- Presentation on Crown Square Development, Galway, during virtual visit to ICE RoI by ICE President Rachel Skinner in September 2021.
- Arranged site visit to Opera Square, Limerick as part of ICE President Ed McCann's visit to Ireland in October 2022.
- Organised site visit for ICE members to Crown Square Development, Galway.
- Organised and led webinar on Rosslare Europort Development, which attracted the largest audience for an ICE RoI webinar to date.
- Initiated and led the participation of ICE RoI in the development of the now highly acclaimed Civil Engineering Apprenticeship scheme by Atlantic Technical University Sligo (and is currently a member of the ATU validation panel).

In addition, from 2022 to 2025, Catherine served as Honorary Treasurer, assiduously managing our financial affairs, including implementing a system to regularize the claiming of expenses by Committee members.

In summary, Catherine has been an outstanding example of what committee membership is all about.

Niall Gibbons served on the ECNet Committee (formerly the Graduate & Student Network, GSNet) for some 10 years, including a number of years as Chair of the committee. Niall subsequently went on to

represent the RoI Branch on the International ECNet Committee, culminating in a term as Chair of the International Committee, which recently ended.

Niall was instrumental in growing the ECNet Committee from a few individuals to the vibrant and active committee that we have today. His enthusiasm for ICE was infectious and inspired many of the next generation of civil engineers to get involved with the Institution. His involvement on the international stage greatly raised the profile of the RoI Branch within the ICE organisation and set a precedent that inspired his successors as RoI ECNet Chair to follow in his footsteps.

On behalf of myself, the RoI Committees and the ICE in general, the Chair wishes to thank Catherine and Niall for their outstanding service and wish them well in their future endeavours.

2. Knowledge and Professionalism

a) Technical Meetings

During the 2025-2026 session, the Committee organized several technical webinars using the Zoom Webinar platform.

These were:

- 26 November 2025 – *Belfast Transport Hub*. Presented by Ashley Gierth and Ryan McCoy of Babcock Rail.
- 19 February 2026 – *What is Temporary Works and what does it mean for you as a Designer or Contractor?*, presented by Micheál Byrne, Temporary Works consultant and Robert Millard of DE Group.
- 1 April 2026 – *Temporary Works and the Law*, presented by Micheál Byrne in conjunction with Gerard Forlin of Cornerstone Barristers and Bob Arnold, Health and Safety consultant and executive coach.
- 29 April 2026 – *East Coast Railway Infrastructure Protection Projects (ECRIPP)*, presented by Damien Keneghan, Jon Denner and Abbie Nugent of Jacobs Engineering.
- 28 May 2026 – *The Rise and Rise of Solar Photovoltaics*, presented by Fergal McEntee of Renvolt Energy.

In addition, in May 2026 the ECNet Committee, in conjunction with Engineers Ireland and IStructE young engineers groups, organised a webinar “*Castlemartyr Wastewater Treatment Plant Project*”, presented by Derek Duggan of Mott MacDonald.

Many of these events were co-promoted with the Civil Division and/or the Project Management Society of Engineers Ireland, which significantly boosted the attendance. The level of interest in our webinars remains high, with audiences of up to several hundred being the norm. The events were also recorded, with considerable post-event interest in the recordings.

In addition to the online webinars, the following site visits were organised to projects of civil engineering interest:

- November 2025 – As part of ICE President David Porter’s visit to Ireland, visited Dublin Airport North Runway, hosted by daa Asset Management team.
- November 2025 – Also part of David Porter’s visit, visited the new E3 Learning Hub at Trinity College Dublin, hosted by TCD Department of Civil Engineering.

- May 2026 – visit to Adare Bypass project, under construction in Co. Limerick, hosted by John Sisk & Son Ltd.

Also in May 2026, as a follow-up to the Castlemartyr WWTP webinar, the ECNet Committee and their Engineers Ireland and IStructE counterparts organised a site visit to the WWTP project site.

Events planned or under consideration for the 2026-2027 session include the following:

- Webinar: NSAI – Update on the rollout of 2nd Generation Eurocodes.
- Webinar: Transport Infrastructure Ireland – Nature-based solutions.
- Site visit: M28 Ringaskiddy motorway.

The Committee continues to seek topics and presenters for future webinars and ICE members are encouraged to get involved in communicating their technical knowledge to fellow ICE members and the wider civil engineering community.

The Committee promotes and encourages attendance by members at technical and other meetings organised by ICE HQ and other regions. With these meetings mostly hosted online, a wide range of events are accessible to ICE members regardless of their geographical location. In addition, through Committee members' involvement with Engineers Ireland, opportunities arise to attend technical lectures organised by Engineers Ireland, as well as significant industry events such as the Engineers Ireland National Conference.

b) Competitions

The RoI Branch encourages participation in ICE competitions, such as the Emerging Engineers Award for students, graduate engineers and technicians, and the James Rennie medal for recently qualified Chartered Engineers. In addition, as in previous years ICE in the region was represented by Committee members as judges for the 2026 Irish Building and Design Awards and the BIM Ireland 2026 Irish Construction Excellence Awards. The members involved have been invited to reprise these roles in 2026/27 and plan on doing so.

In addition, as mentioned above, our Immediate Past Chair heads the judging panel for Engineers Ireland's Chartered Engineer of the Year.

At the time of writing, entries are open for the 2027 Irish Construction Excellence Awards and it is hoped that some young RoI ICE members will put themselves forward in the category of Future Leader, following the successful participation of two of our members, Muhannad Husain and Benjamin Delmond, in 2025.

In 2026, for the first time the RoI Committee organised a competition for Final Year Civil Engineering students across a number of universities. Colleges were invited to submit their best projects (as assessed by the colleges), with the selected students being called to present their projects at interview by ICE RoI Committee members. Three finalists were then chosen to receive our inaugural award, being presented with their awards at the RoI Branch Annual Dinner in April. This inaugural competition was organised and implemented by incoming ICE RoI Chair Micheál Byrne, who also arranged for the winners to travel to ICE HQ in London for a meeting and lunch with ICE President David Porter and ICE staff. This "bonus prize" proved a big hit with the winners.

3. Education and Inspiration

a) Education

The question of Civil Engineering education at third level continues to be a topic for discussion at Committee and is also discussed at the annual joint committee meeting with Engineers Ireland's Civil Division.

The ongoing high demand for other engineering disciplines such as Mechanical, Manufacturing, Chemical, Electrical and in recent years Biomedical, continues to present a challenge to Civil Engineering at third level. There is an ongoing difficulty in attracting and retaining students in Civil Engineering courses, which in the past has tended to be exacerbated by the relative lack of major infrastructure projects here. However, current Government policy on infrastructure includes multi-billion Euro budget commitments to infrastructure projects and there is now a significant pipeline of major projects, some of which have already received planning approval. Others are at an advanced stage of preliminary design and planning. Upcoming projects include:

- Greater Dublin Drainage Project.
- Dublin Metrolink Project.
- East Coast Railway Infrastructure Protection Projects.
- Eastern & Midlands Region Water Supply Project.
- Extensive renewable energy projects including onshore and offshore wind and solar.
- Port development projects to support offshore wind projects.
- Numerous large scale housing projects, with associated infrastructure.

The above-mentioned budget developments have opened up the prospect of exciting career opportunities for Civil Engineers, and a recent study commissioned by Engineers Ireland predicts a substantial shortfall in the number of engineers required to realise the infrastructure programme. All of which greatly improves the prospects for attracting engineers to pursue the Civil option in coming years.

In this regard, the work of the ECNet Committee in engaging with students at every opportunity is to be commended. The enthusiasm and passion of our student and graduate members clearly piques the interest of students in Civil Engineering, as evidenced by the numbers of new student ICE members registering after every ECNet visit to a Third Level college. The RoI Committee also acknowledges the support of the Membership team from ICE Northern Ireland, who have been proactive in setting up third level visits, providing merchandise etc.

It should also be noted that members of the Committee, in their parallel capacity as Engineers Ireland members, pursue an active involvement in the accreditation of third level courses, thus ensuring that appropriate standards of third level training are maintained.

b) Inspiring the Next Generation

ICE in the Republic does not have a programme of engagement with schools, due to our relatively small and widely dispersed membership. However, as many ICE members hold dual membership of ICE and Engineers Ireland, many of our members in their individual capacities and through their employers are visiting schools as part of the Engineers Ireland STEPS programme (www.steps.ie), culminating in Engineers Week, which takes place each year in late February/early March. In 2026, the events of Engineers' Week included both in-person and online events and ICE members initiated and/or participated in a number of these events. The STEPS programme continues to grow, with increasing awareness among engineering employers and individuals of the value of participation in the programme and ever-growing interest from both primary and secondary schools across the country.

In 2026-2027, it is planned to trial a programme of ICE student ambassadors within the various colleges offering Civil Engineering, who would promote the ICE and Civil Engineering to their peers. It is hoped that this initiative will result in an enhanced awareness among undergraduates in Irish Third Level institutions.

4. Informing Opinion

a) Partnering Other Organisations

ICE Republic of Ireland continues to enjoy a very close working relationship with Engineers Ireland. This is a multi-layered relationship, starting at the grass roots level with many Irish-based Civil Engineers holding dual membership of ICE and Engineers Ireland. This dual membership is actively encouraged by ICE, to strengthen the links between the two Institutions.

Several ICE RoI members, from both the Committee and the general membership, served on various boards and committees within EI during the 2025/2026 session, including:

- Council Member.
- Civil Division Committee Member.
- Chairperson, Board of Examiners.
- Chair of the Judging Panel, Chartered Engineer of the Year.
- EI Representative to Construction Industry Council.
- Course presenter on the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations (BC(A)R).
- Member Accreditation Review Panel IEA (International Engineering Associations).
- Project Management Society Committee member.
- Vice Chair, Conservation Committee.
- Reviewer for Chartered membership.
- Reviewer for Chartered Engineers wishing to become Conservation Accredited Engineer.

In addition, ICE RoI committee members support other key functions of Engineers Ireland including acting as Interviewers for Professional Title applications and as Third Level Accreditation Panel members.

In March 2026 an Engineers Ireland group led by President John Jordan visited ICE HQ in London for the presentation by Mr. Jordan of Professional Titles and awards to a number of UK-based Engineers Ireland members. The evening included a networking event attended by ICE President David Porter and other senior ICE personnel. ICE RoI Chair Keith Elliott represented the Branch at the event. David Porter and KE also participated in a Leaders' Lunch event organised by Engineers Ireland in London on the following day.

In October 2026, the ICE RoI Chair participated in the EI Project Management Society's Annual CPD Seminar. The theme of this year's seminar was *"The Evolving Role of the Project Manager in Ireland's Infrastructure Future"*.

Incoming ICE RoI Chair Micheál Byrne has initiated and is leading a major seminar on Temporary Works, hosted by Engineers Ireland, which will take place on the 20th of October 2026.

Engagement with other organisations continued in a number of areas including:

- Panel member, CARE (Conservation Accreditation Register of Engineers) Committee.
- Board member, BLFI (Building Limes Forum Ireland)
- Judge (x2), Irish Construction Excellence Awards.
- Judge, Irish Building & Design Awards.
- Engineers Without Borders Ireland NGO/Projects Sub-Committee member.
- Judge, Where There is no Engineer (WTINE) competition.

Engagement with other ICE Bodies

The ECNet Committee participated in a number of ICE NI events during the 2025/26 session and this is expected to continue through the 2026/27 session. As mentioned above, ECNet Committee members have established close links with their NI counterparts and hope to continue to build on these links in the current session.

Several recent ECNet Chairs have been and continue to be active International ECNet participants.

In December 2025, the RoI Vice Chair and ECNet Chair attended the ICE NI annual dinner in Belfast, where they had the opportunity to meet and discuss the activities of the RoI Branch with ICE President David Porter. In April 2026, the ICE NI Chair and the NI ECNet Chair attended the ICE RoI annual dinner in Dublin.

Also, as in previous years, our committee colleague Yvonne Murphy continues to represent us as the ICE Country Representative for Ireland on the ICE Europe Committee. In addition, as mentioned previously, Yvonne maintains a high profile within the ICE organisation, frequently attending meetings and events in person at One Great George Street. Also our incoming Chair Micheál Byrne has attended a number of events at ICE HQ and has cultivated relationships with senior ICE staff.

Social Engagement with Other Professional Bodies

RoI Committee members continue to attend relevant events hosted by other organisations where possible, including various seminars and technical presentations. Among the significant social events attended were the Engineers Ireland President's Ball, the Association of Consulting Engineers annual dinner, the IStructE RoI Hub Annual Awards Dinner, the Irish Building & Design Awards dinner and the Irish Construction Excellence Awards Gala Dinner.

A particular social highlight was the ICE RoI Annual Dinner, which took place in April 2026, as detailed in (b) below.

The Committee has also continued to take advantage of the opportunities offered by online platforms to share technical webinars with other organisations. Our webinars were co-promoted by the Civil Division and supported by the Project Management Society of Engineers Ireland.

b) Annual Dinner and Outstanding Achievement Award 2026

The ICE RoI Annual Dinner was held on the 24th of April in the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, the venue for several previous successful annual dinners. Attendance this year reached a new record with over 100 people present on the night. Attendees included senior representatives of Engineers Ireland, the Irish Branch of IStructE, the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland, Construction Industry Federation and Civil Engineering Contractors Association, as well as the Chair of ICE Northern Ireland, members of the ICE NI ECNet Committee and representatives of leading civil

engineering consultants and contractors. As in previous years, the occasion afforded an excellent networking opportunity, as many of those present were already well acquainted through business and/or the various institutions.

A special bonus this year was the attendance of the President of ICE, David Porter and his wife Wendy. This was the first time that any President of the Institution has attended our dinner and David's presence added greatly to the occasion. David briefly addressed the guests and then presented our undergraduate competition winners with their awards.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement and presentation of our Outstanding Achievement Award for 2026 to Anne Marie Conibear, an exceptional Civil Engineer with an impressive career in water infrastructure, which has included leading roles in the delivery of many of Ireland's most significant water, wastewater and flood relief projects over the past 30 years.

Anne Marie graduated from University College Dublin in 1991 with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and, like so many of her compatriots before and since, set off for the UK, where she joined the civil engineering consultancy of Binnie and Partners, later to become Binnie Black and Veatch, a firm with an international reputation for hydraulic engineering. This was to prove pivotal in determining the future direction of Anne Marie's career.

During her seven years with Binnies, Anne Marie gained valuable experience of the water sector, which was further enhanced by secondments to consultants Ferguson and McIlveen and contractor Taylor Woodrow Civil Engineering Ltd.

Returning to Ireland in 1998, Anne Marie joined JB Barry and Partners, a firm at the forefront of water engineering in this country and overseas. She remained with Barrys for the rest of her career, becoming one of the company's most valued members and amassing an unrivalled portfolio of projects across the entire range of the water sector in Ireland and internationally, covering feasibility reports, detailed design, tender assessment, construction supervision and project management of flooding, water and wastewater-related major civil / environmental infrastructure projects.

During her remarkable career, Anne Marie has been associated with many of Ireland's most important water sector projects, such as the recently completed major upgrade of the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant, vital for the future management of Dublin's wastewater. Over a period of nine years, from 2016 to 2025, Anne Marie acted as Project Director for this critical infrastructure project.

For the greater part of her career, Anne Marie has held leadership positions, frequently leading multiple teams on several projects simultaneously. As Project Manager and Project Director of major infrastructure projects impacting on a wide range of stakeholders, she established a reputation as a leader with the ability to foster and develop relationships with key leaders and stakeholders. Several of her projects involved working in joint ventures, where Anne Marie took the role of liaison with JV partners.

Appointed a Director of JB Barry in 2016, Anne Marie played a key role in determining the future direction of the company, up to and including the acquisition of Barry's business by the international consultancy group egis shortly before her retirement in 2025.

Latterly, in addition to her ongoing work in the water sector, she expanded her role within Barry / egis to encompass the emerging fields of energy management and the sustainable development of cities, ending her career with egis as Ireland Country Lead in Energy & Sustainable Cities. She currently acts as consultant to egis across all her areas of expertise.

Professionally, Anne Marie is a Chartered Engineer, a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers since 1998 and a Fellow of Engineers Ireland since 2010. She is also a Professional Consulting

Engineer and a Fellow of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland (ACEI) since 2016. Throughout her career she has supported her professional institutions, and she lists as one of her proudest achievements her recent term as President of the ACEI, the first woman to hold the position in the ACEI's 86-year history.

With a strong commitment to her personal Continuing Professional Development, Anne Marie has acquired numerous post-graduate qualifications in management, leadership, business practice, strategy and innovation, company direction and a range of technical and health & safety topics.

To sum up, Anne Marie Conibear is a shining example of a professional Civil Engineer – encompassing technical excellence, leadership, teamwork and a dedication to improving the lot of society as a whole, through her lifelong commitment to a vital aspect of infrastructure. She is an inspiration to any young person considering a career in Civil Engineering, but especially to women, having established herself firmly in the upper echelons of this traditionally male-dominated profession..

c) ICE President's Visits – 2025 and 2027

The 2025-2026 session saw the biennial visit of the current ICE President to the Republic of Ireland. The visit by the 161st President, David Porter, took place on the 19th and 20th of November 2025 and commenced with a meeting with the ICE Rol Committee. This was followed by an address by the ICE President at Engineers Ireland in Dublin as guest of Engineers Ireland President John Jordan and later a dinner hosted by the Rol Branch Committee.

On the 20th, the President attended a site visit to the new North Runway at Dublin Airport, followed by a meeting with Civil Engineering students at Trinity College Dublin and a tour of the recently-completed TCD E3 Learning Hub. David was accompanied on the visit by his wife Wendy, who participated enthusiastically in all of the activities, as well as two of his President's Future Leaders.

The visit was a resounding success, further strengthening the relationship between ICE and Engineers Ireland, as well as affording the Rol Committee the opportunity to engage at length with David and his Future Leaders.

It is anticipated that the next Presidential visit will take place in 2027, either by the incoming President Julie Wood or her successor Richard Bayfield, depending on the timing of the visit. Further details will be communicated to ICE Rol members in due course as plans for the visit take shape.

d) ICE Republic of Ireland LinkedIn Page

As highlighted in previous Annual Reports, the ICE Republic of Ireland LinkedIn page has proved a useful platform for the Rol Committee to publicise events and share items of interest with the ICE Rol membership and the wider engineering community. The page continues to attract interest and currently has over 1,500 followers, an increase of over 25% in the past year.

The Committee encourages all Rol based members to follow and interact with the page and share thoughts and ideas on the future of civil engineering and the ICE in Ireland. The page URL is:

<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/ice-republic-of-ireland/>

5. Forward Planning

The following areas continue to need forward planning (largely unchanged from previous years):

1. Succession Planning: As mentioned previously, Micheál Byrne has fulfilled the role of Vice Chair through the 2025-2026 session. Subject to ratification at the 2026 AGM, Micheál will assume the Chair role for the 2026-2027 session, as the current Chair completes the maximum six years in office permitted under ICE guidelines.. This will re-create the problem of having the Vice Chair role vacant,

which was previously an issue for several years. The Committee would be pleased to hear from any member based in the Republic of Ireland who would like to join the Committee with a view to stepping into the Vice-Chair role at some point.

2. Technical Webinars and Site Visits: Despite the fact that ICE members in the Republic are known to be involved in significant design, construction and research projects, the number of members volunteering to present technical webinars based on their work has been persistently small. Similarly, it has proved difficult to identify opportunities to visit some of the interesting projects that are known to be ongoing. It is a key objective of the Committee to proactively solicit presentations by members, with a view to achieving our target of one webinar per month during the 2026-2027 session. It would also be hoped to arrange at least one site visit per quarter (i.e. three visits during the session).

With this in mind, the incoming Chair intends to request each member of the Committee to assume responsibility for one defined action during the coming session, be it arranging a webinar, organizing a site visit, assisting with the logistics of the Annual Dinner, President's visit or the like.

6. Budget and Finance

A Treasurer's Report covering the 2025/26 session and summarizing the current financial position of the ICE Rol Branch is presented separately to this Report.

7. A Final Message from the Chair

As my final act as Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all the committee members, past and present, who have supported me during the past six years, which have been some of the most rewarding of my professional life as a Civil Engineer. I also wish to thank the staff of ICE, both in Head Office and in Northern Ireland, whose support and guidance have made the role of Local Association Chair immeasurably easier.

I wish Micheál Byrne every success in the role of Chair. I will do my utmost to support and assist Micheál as Immediate Past Chair for the foreseeable future and ask all continuing committee members to give him their full support.

Finally, I encourage all ICE members to get involved with their local committee and to continue to do so throughout their career. It will help you to expand your professional network in ways that are impossible to achieve otherwise, and this in turn will enhance your professional development. And in my experience, there is a great deal of enjoyment and personal satisfaction to be gained from engaging with like-minded individuals from outside your immediate work environment.

Thank you and all the best!

Keith Elliott CEng, FICE, FIEI

12 October 2026