

## **INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS – REPUBLIC OF IRELAND LOCAL ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

**PRESENTED BY RoI BRANCH CHAIR KEITH ELLIOTT AT AGM, 13 OCTOBER 2025**

This Report is presented broadly under the subject headings of the ICE RoI Branch Business Plan submitted to ICE HQ in November 2024.

#### **1. Qualification and Membership**

ICE membership in the Republic of Ireland continued to increase slightly during this period, with just under 660 members indicating RoI as their location in October 2025, compared with 620 in 2024. Of these, the majority 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 a further 120 Graduate Members and over 200 Student Members. The significant student membership reflects the excellent work of the members of our Early Careers Network (ECNet) Committee in promoting ICE to graduates and to undergraduates at colleges across the Republic.

One point to note is the low number of Fellows (just 23, which is less than 4% of the total membership). Experience in the industry here would indicate 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 2024 through to June 2025. The majority of these meetings took place online using the Zoom platform, which facilitates attendance by Committee members from a wide range of locations including Limerick, Cork and Wicklow and even on occasion from hotels and airports in various overseas locations! The online option suits most Committee members, with in-person meetings being generally confined to social events such as the ICE RoI Annual Dinner and Engineers Ireland President's Ball. Notable exceptions are 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. The former enables ICE members to meet and network with fellow members including Committee Members, whilst the latter provides the Additional opportunity for ICE RoI Committee members to network with our counterparts in the Civil Division.

Membership of the Committee has further increased during the past year, with a combination of mature and younger members joining. Despite the departure of a number of members who stepped down from the Committee for various reasons, our number increased from 28 to 31, comprising 16 Main Committee Members and 15 ECNet Committee Members. As previously, thanks to the online meeting platform, several members of both committees are located outside the Dublin region. Also, the online platform ensured that a high level of attendance at Committee meetings was maintained.

As reported in previous Annual Reports, pressure of work and other commitments continue to make it difficult for some committee members to participate as fully in Committee activities as they would wish.

As a result, the role of Hon. Secretary remains vacant, placing additional pressure on the Committee Chair. However, having been vacant for over 3 years, the Vice-Chair role has been assumed by Micheál Byrne. It is anticipated that Micheál will take over as Chair in due course. Additional committee members continue to be needed (a) to replace members who need to step down from Committee, (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 2024 committee meeting was a joint meeting with Engineers Ireland's Civil Division. It is planned that this will take place again in December 2025, which will be the eleventh year of this collaboration.

### **b) Graduates and Students / Early Careers Network**

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 2024-2025 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 the route to chartership, which proved popular with the target audience of third-level Civil Engineering students and new graduates.

The proactive approach of the ECNet Committee under the leadership of Sumana Jain Kelly led to a significant 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 2025, 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 achievements of members of our Committees within the Institution.

Firstly, our Country Representative Yvonne Murphy continues to fly the flag for the RoI Branch in the upper echelons of ICE as a member of Council, her current term running to 2026. She is currently a member of the Council Nominations Committee, which has responsibility for nominating candidates for ICE Vice Presidency who will be potential future Presidents of the Institution, and was recently elected as a Trustee for a 3-year term starting in November 2025. Yvonne is also an ICE Benevolent Fund Visitor and serves as charity trustee/director for a 3-year term which commenced in January 2025, in addition to her ongoing roles as a Professional Reviewer and ICE Policy Fellow.

Former ECNet Chair Niall Gibbons is active in the International ECNet structure of ICE, having recently completed a term as Chair. His work there has significantly raised the profile of the RoI Branch within the global organisation. Niall was also a judge for the ICE Emerging Engineer Awards competition.

Another former ECNet Chair, Benjamin Delmond, continues to serve as a Member of the ICE Decarbonisation Community Advisory Board, developing ICE policy and initiatives for the promotion of sustainable infrastructure. Benjamin also achieved Chartership in February 2025 and assisted with the judging of the ICE Emerging Engineer Awards competition.

Outgoing ECNet Chair Sumana Jain Kelly also serves as the RoI Regional Representative on the ECNet International Committee.

Current ECNet Chair, Yash Rastogi, achieved Incorporated Engineer status in November 2024 and is now a Professional Reviewer.

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

Main Committee member Patrick Maguire initiated an ICE training programme within his employer Murphy Ireland and actively supports graduates in their journey towards Chartership.

Main Committee member Mumo Mutulili is a Professional Reviewer.

Main Committee member Ryan Young recently became a Professional Reviewer.

Main Committee member Sai Moorthy achieved Chartership in March 2025 and became a Mentor in July.

Our newest recruit to the Main Committee, Susána Ramjit, Regional Chief Engineer with John Sisk & Son Ltd, recently received her Fellowship of ICE at a ceremony at ICE headquarters in London.

And three of our ECNet Committee members, Bassem Saad, Marie Arriola Astocaza and Ümit Ünal successfully completed their Third Level studies and secured employment as graduate civil engineers.

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 remember our late Committee colleague Kevin Sheridan, who sadly passed away in April of this year. Kevin was a remarkable person, whose professional interests and influence spanned a vast range of construction-related areas. He was a Chartered Project Management Surveyor, Chartered Environmentalist, Chartered Construction Manager and Chartered Building Engineer. His many roles included Chair of various national standards committees, Council member and President of the Irish Building Control Institute, President of the European Council for Building Professionals, Chair of the Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland Building Surveying Division, Chair of the Irish Branch of the Chartered Institute of Building, member of the Construction Industry Registration Board, Ministerial appointee to the RIAI Architects Admissions Registration Board, advisor to Government on construction policy and judge of the Irish Building and Design Awards. He was a fount of information on the construction industry and his knowledge of the legislative and regulatory framework around the industry was unsurpassed.

A long-standing Committee member and former Chair of the ICE RoI Branch, Kevin gave great service to the ICE and was a great support and advisor to successive Chairs, including the current Chair. He always had constructive and insightful comments and suggestions to offer at Committee meetings, which he continued to attend until very shortly before his passing. He will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of working with him. May he rest in peace. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

## 2. Knowledge and Professionalism

### a) Technical Meetings

During the 2024-2025 session, the Committee organized several technical webinars using the Zoom Webinar platform.

These were:

- 8 October 2024 – *Challenging practice to improve carbon management with the aid of the PAS 2080 standard*. This was a 2-hour online seminar featuring several expert speakers highlighting the benefits of the carbon management standard PAS 2080 and providing practical examples of its implementation in Irish infrastructure projects. The event was supported by ICE Senior Vice President David Porter who provided an introduction to the seminar and took part in a panel discussion and Q&A session.
- 16 January 2024 – *Killaloe Bridge Construction*, presented by Ross Cullen and Mark Ryan of John Sisk & Son Ltd.
- 12 February 2025 – *Rosslare Europort Development*, presented by Catherine O'Brien and Julie Tiernan of PUNCH Consulting Engineers.
- 23 April 2025 – *MetroLink – Procuring Ireland's first Megaproject*, presented by Martin Rowark (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) and Lisa Reynolds (Turner & Townsend / TII).

All of these events were co-promoted with the Civil Division of Engineers Ireland and supported by the Project Management Society, which significantly boosted the attendance. The level of interest in these webinars was high, with some 80 people attending the PAS 2080 seminar and the three project-based webinars attracting audiences of between 300 and the maximum of 500 allowed by our Zoom Webinar licence. The events were also recorded, with considerable post-event interest in the recordings.

In addition to the online webinars, on 17 January 2025 a site visit was organised to the new bridge over the River Shannon at Killaloe, which at that time was nearing completion. The visit was hosted by the engineering and construction team from John Sisk & Son Ltd and attracted significant interest from ICE members in the Shannon region. Some 25 people attended the visit, which showcased a most impressive project constructed under challenging conditions using some highly innovative construction techniques.

Webinars planned or under consideration for the 2025-2026 session include the following:

- Belfast Grand Central Transport Hub.
- Irish Rail East Coast Rail Improvement Projects.
- The Design and Management of Temporary Works.

In addition, a site visit to the new Limerick-Foynes Railway Project, currently under construction, is planned at some point during the 2025-2026 session.

The Committee is always seeking 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 2024 Irish Building and Design Awards and the BIM Ireland 2025 Irish Construction Excellence Awards. The members involved have been invited to reprise these roles in 2025/26 and plan on doing so.

In addition, our Immediate Past Chair is a Judge for Engineers Ireland's Chartered Engineer of the Year 2025, continuing a role he has performed in previous years.

In 2025, the Irish Construction Excellence Awards introduced the new category of Future Leader, and ICE RoI ECNet Committee members were encouraged to apply. Two of our members, Muhannad Husain and Benjamin Delmond, did put themselves forward and were both shortlisted as finalists, with Benjamin eventually coming out as winner of the inaugural award in the Engineering category. Congratulations to both.

At the time of writing, entries are open for the 2026 Irish Construction Excellence Awards and it is hoped that some young RoI ICE members will again put themselves forward this year.

The Irish Construction Excellence Awards in particular are highly regarded, and each year sees increasing numbers of high calibre entries from across an increasing number of categories in all areas of engineering and construction, from design and project management to specialist sub-contractors and suppliers. As in previous years, many of the projects featured in this year's awards were truly world class in terms of innovation, quality of delivery and level of collaboration right across the supply chain from Client to suppliers, with a strong emphasis on innovation and sustainability being evident in all submissions.

In addition to the above, this year for the first time the RoI Committee plans to run a competition for Final Year Civil Engineering students across a number of universities. It is proposed that each college will be invited to submit their best projects (as assessed by the college), with the selected students being called to present their project at interview by ICE RoI Committee members. A shortlist will then be chosen, with the winner being presented with an award at the RoI Branch Annual Dinner in April.

## **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 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, recent developments in Government policy on infrastructure have led to multi-billion Euro budget commitments to infrastructure projects. There is now a significant pipeline of major projects which had been awaiting funding commitments, 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.

It remains a basic objective of the ICE RoI Committee to continue to promote Civil Engineering as a career choice by engaging with the Universities and the wider community wherever possible. The above-mentioned budget developments have opened up the prospect of exciting career opportunities for Civil Engineers, which greatly improves the prospects for attracting engineers to pursue the Civil option.

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](http://www.steps.ie)), culminating in Engineers Week, which takes place each year in late February/early March. In 2025, continuing the format that evolved as a result of Covid-19, 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.

### **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 2024/2025 session, including:

- Civil Division Committee Member.

- Chairperson, Board of Examiners.
- Member of the Judging Panel, Chartered Engineer of the Year.
- Civil Division representative to CPD Standing Committee.
- 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).
- Thomond Region Committee member.
- Project Management Society Committee member.
- Vice Chair, Conservation Committee.
- Reviewer for Chartered membership.
- Reviewer for Chartered Engineers wishing to become Conservation Accredited Engineer.

Cormac Bradley, ICE RoI Immediate Past Chair continues to sit on the Council of Engineers Ireland for the 2025/2026 session, as Chairperson of the Board of Examiners.

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 May 2025 an Engineers Ireland group led by President Laura Burke visited ICE HQ in London for the presentation by Ms. Burke of Professional Titles and awards to a number of UK-based Engineers Ireland members. The evening included a networking event attended by incoming ICE President David Porter and other senior ICE personnel. ICE RoI Vice Chair Micheál Byrne represented the Branch at the event.

Engagement with other organisations is ongoing 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.
- Vice Chair of British Water's BIM4Water 4D/5D focus group.
- Engineers Without Borders Ireland NGO/Projects Sub-Committee member.
- Judge, Where There is no Engineer (WTINE) competition.

Unfortunately, several key industry positions that were previously held by our late colleague Kevin Sheridan are no longer held by ICE committee members. However, we are aware of a number of senior ICE members who are heavily involved in advising and influencing Government in key areas such as sustainability, planning and modern methods of construction. It remains a key objective of the ICE RoI Committee to encourage engagement and participation by ICE members in as many relevant areas as possible, with a view to maintaining and enhancing the profile of ICE in the Republic.

### *Engagement with other ICE Bodies*

The ECNet Committee participated in a number of ICE NI events during the 2024/25 session and this is expected to continue through the 2025/26 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 2024, the Rol 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 Rol Branch with ICE President Jim Hall. In April 2025, the ICE NI Chair and the NI ECNet Chair and Vice Chair attended the ICE Rol 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 Vice 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*

Rol 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 Rol Hub Annual Awards Dinner, the Engineers Ireland Cork Region annual dinner, the Irish Building & Design Awards dinner and the Irish Construction Excellence Awards Gala Dinner.

A particular social highlight was the ICE Rol Annual Dinner, which took place in April 2024, 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. In addition, the PAS 2080 seminar was promoted to its members by the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland.

### **b) Annual Dinner and Outstanding Achievement Award 2025**

The ICE Rol Annual Dinner was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April in the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, the venue for several previous successful annual dinners. Attendance was down somewhat from last year's record attendance, due to clashes with two other industry events, one of which had been re-scheduled after the date for the Rol dinner had been confirmed with the venue. This resulted in a number of "no-shows" by groups and individuals that had already paid for tickets and decisions by some organisations to support an alternative event.

In the event almost 70 people attended 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.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement and presentation of our Outstanding Achievement Award for 2025 to Rory O'Sullivan, an exceptional Civil Engineer with an impressive career in the

public sector spanning over half a century, which has included a leading role in the development of the motorway infrastructure of the Greater Dublin Area. Latterly, as a specialist adviser his valued advice is constantly sought by various local authorities.

Rory graduated from University College Cork in 1973 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree. Following a brief stint with contractors in the UK, he returned to Ireland in 1974 as an Assistant Senior Executive Engineer with Dublin County Council's Road Construction direct labour section. Thus began a 32-year involvement with the road network of the Greater Dublin Area, which included hands-on roles as Project Resident Engineer on almost every section of the modern motorway network, starting with the M1 Airport Motorway (the very first stretch of motorway in the Dublin region) in 1984 and ending with the completion of the last section of the M50, the Southern Cross Motorway, in 2006.

During that time, Rory oversaw the construction of over 50km of motorway and associated roads, over 50 bridges and other structures including several complex grade-separated interchanges, plus extensive earthworks including large-scale rock removal, service diversions, drainage works etc.

He was responsible for numerous initiatives that were key to the success of his various projects, one example being an industry award-winning traffic management plan that maintained traffic flows of up to 80,000 vehicles per day during the construction of the Balrothery interchange on the Southern Cross Motorway. There are many who believe that Rory, more than any other individual, can take credit for the successful delivery of the excellent motorway system that the Dublin Region enjoys today. He has certainly left a lasting legacy of infrastructure for future generations.

Following the completion of the motorway network, in 2006 Rory took up a new position as a Senior Project Manager with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, in which role he continued up to his retirement in 2016. In this role he was responsible for the planning and delivery of numerous civic projects that have greatly enhanced the lives of the residents of the County.

His most notable achievement here was project managing the RIAI award-winning €40m Lexicon Library, Central Library and Cultural Centre in Dun Laoghaire, from the design competition to select the Architect-led Design Team through to the conciliation process to settle the Contractor's Final Account. Rory managed several other high profile Dun Laoghaire Rathdown projects from design to construction completion. In addition, he chaired the Council's Corporate Procurement Group, which ensured compliance with Public Procurement rules by all council departments.

Upon retirement from the County Council, Rory offered his services as a consultant to the various local authorities that he had worked with over the years, and he has become a valued advisor to Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and Meath County Councils on Construction Tenders, Construction Project Claims and Conciliation, Public Procurement Law and Project Management.

Rory is a Chartered Engineer; he has been a chartered member of Engineers Ireland for over 30 years and a Fellow of Engineers Ireland since 2001. Throughout his career he has supported his professional institution by presenting technical papers and delivering training courses on behalf of Engineers Ireland.

He is a keen exponent of that fundamental obligation of the professional engineer, supporting and mentoring the next generation of engineers. Both on site and in the office, he ensured where possible, that junior staff were moved between the various sections to gain experience, and ran workshops to assist staff to improve their technical skills. He also acted as mentor on behalf of Engineers Ireland to engineers aspiring to professional titles through the experiential route.

In summary, Rory O'Sullivan represents all that is best in the professional Civil Engineer – technical excellence, dedication to improving the lot of society as a whole, a commitment to life-long learning, a

willingness to share knowledge, to encourage and mentor others, and ensuring the future of the profession by supporting his professional Institution.

### **c) ICE President's Visit 2025**

This year sees the biennial visit of the current ICE President to the Republic of Ireland. The visit by the 161<sup>st</sup> President, David Porter, takes place on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November and will include an address by the President at Engineers Ireland in Dublin as guest of the Engineers Ireland President John Jordan on the 19<sup>th</sup>, followed by a dinner hosted by the Rol Branch Committee. Then on the 20<sup>th</sup>, the President will make a site visit to the new North Runway at Dublin Airport, followed by a meeting with Civil Engineering students at Trinity College Dublin.

### **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 almost 1,200 followers, an increase of 50% 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, the role of Vice Chair has been assumed by Micheál Byrne. It is anticipated that Micheál will commit to taking the Chair in October 2026, when the current Chair will be required to step down. This will re-create the problem of having the Vice Chair role vacant, which has been an issue for the past number of 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. Meanwhile, as provided for in the ICE Local Association Constitution guidelines, the current Chair is willing to commit to a further, final, year as Chair, subject to ratification at the 2025 AGM. This extension to a sixth year in office has previously been formally approved by ICE in accordance with ICE guidelines.

*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 2025-2026 session. It would also be hoped to arrange at least one site visit per quarter (i.e. three visits during the session).

## **6. Budget and Finance**

A Treasurer's Report covering the 2024/25 session and summarizing the current financial position of the ICE Rol Branch is presented separately to this Report.

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