

# NEW APP TAPS INTO ENERGY RENOVATION UPSKILLING

The Irish Green Building Council, in conjunction with Limerick Institute of Technology, has launched a new app to facilitate energy renovation upskilling. The BUILD UP Skills Advisor app will allow building professionals and construction workers to identify energy renovation training courses that suit their needs in one click.



Pat Barry, CEO of the Irish Green Building Council, said: “At least half a million Irish homes must be retrofitted in the next 10 years. The recently published European Green Deal also foresees a ‘Renovation Wave’ initiative for the building sector.

“As energy renovation is a labour-

intensive industry, this will create additional employment opportunities across Ireland.

“The aim of the app is to make it simpler for everyone in the industry to upskill to take advantage of this. It allows building professionals and construction workers to identify those training courses that really suit their needs.”

According to LIT’s Head of Development & Public Engagement, Seamus Hoynes, the construction sector is making big strides in the area of efficient energy upgrading and sustainable buildings.

“To continue to do this, construction workers across Ireland need to be trained and upskilled in a number of ways, which is a key area of our sustainable energy work in LIT’s Development Unit.

“Particularly in the current climate, being able to access learning and training resources anywhere at any

time is vital, which is why we’re delighted to be in a position to work with the IGBC to launch this app,” Hoynes added.

Produced with support from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), the BUILD UP Skills Advisor app will be further developed in the next few months to include highly practical short demo videos that construction workers can use onsite. The app can be downloaded for free on Google Play and App Store.

Irish Green Building Council (IGBC) is a leading authority on green building best practices with a network of over 170 green building organisations spanning the entire built environment industry. It is affiliated with the World Green Building Council – a network of over 80 national Green Building Councils worldwide with a total membership of over 27,000 international organisations and businesses making it the largest organisation globally influencing the sustainable building market.

Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) has five campuses spread across Limerick



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City, County Tipperary and County Clare in the Mid-West. LIT is recognised for its active learning approach, applied research portfolio, social development inclusion and enterprise development.

The Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) function operates out of LIT’s Limerick and Tipperary campuses, while LIT also has six enterprise hubs across Limerick, Tipperary and Clare. RDI is involved in a wide range of national and EU Funding programmes with partners in Europe, USA and internationally.



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