

Evolving A Framework For Better Business



At its annual Members' Day, the Glass and Glazing Federation launched a member-wide consultation on 'Evolve – a framework for better business'.

Presented by James MacPherson, GGF Health, Safety & Environment Manager (HSE), Evolve is a framework of values and principles to help GGF members become better businesses. The long term aim is to build a modern industry of socially responsi-

ble, sustainable and people-centred companies using modern, organisational culture and risk and resilience solutions.

The Evolve framework has been approved by the GGF HSE committees, however to ensure that as many members as possible have the opportunity to feedback and contribute to the framework in the final months of 2021, there is a full consultation process in place that will include:

- A full consultation document available for October 2021 with all the evidence and information behind the structure and values.
- October, November and December webinars on each value with Q&A.
- Presentations and Q&A at all GGF Regional Meetings for the rest of 2021 and into 2022.

On the launch James MacPherson said: "The concept of Evolve is something that I have been working towards since joining the GGF. When it comes to managing our operational risks and cultures, we – companies, individuals and the industry – need to evolve. Being the industry's main trade organisation, the GGF is in a unique position to take modern evidence-based approaches to risk management and resilience."

GGF Evolve will be formally launched from January 2022 for all GGF Members to pledge to 'Evolve into a Better Business'.

The GGF Evolve promotional video can be viewed via the GGF's YouTube channel.

Search Google for GGF webinars or visit the GGF website and select Health, Safety and Environment Hub. www.ggf.org.uk

End In Sight For Construction Slow-Down

In the second week of September, Glenigan, the construction industry insight and intelligence expert, released the September edition of its Construction Index – showing good prospects in the coming months.

Despite project starts declining consistently across the board, a slowing rate suggests an upward trajectory is due towards the end of the year. Certain sectors are also bucking the trend, with social housing, health and hotel and leisure all achieving growth against Q2 figures of this year.

Residential is also raising optimism – the value of residential work starting on-site increased by over a quarter (26%) compared with the same time last year, however, this is down by a similar amount (23%) compared to 2019.

Social housing project-starts also rose by nearly a fifth (18%) on 2020 figures and 8% on the previous three months.

Private housing work starting on-site also climbed by nearly a third against last year (29%), however, this was down by 28% compared with the preceding three months.

The hotel and leisure sector also performed well with project-starts rising by over a half (52%) compared with the same time last year. Health was the stand-out non-residential sector of the period, increasing 9% against the past three months and up 3% on the previous year. Retail project-starts also saw an increase of 55% compared with the previous year.

Infrastructure project-starts experienced a downturn, dropping by nearly a half (48%). [i](#)

Dinner To Provide Perfect Tonic After Debate



The Glazing Summit's popular gala dinner will this year provide the perfect tonic to a day of discussion and debates on its return - 21 October, Birmingham.

And the change in tone will be headed by Simon Evans, one of the UK's best loved comedians, who will do the after dinner speaking. Edgbaston Stadium and Conference Centre,

Birmingham will host the summit and the dinner – which is sponsored by Unique Windows.

Andrew Scott, Glazing Summit founder, said: "We have had some wonderful after dinner speakers in the past but this year we wanted to mix it up and provide guests with the chance to have an evening of fun after what has been a hugely challenging 18 months for everyone connected with the industry." Guests will enjoy a champagne reception, sponsored by ODL, from 7:00pm and it will be carriages at midnight. Individual tickets are £149.00 or tables of eight are £1,100.00 – both plus VAT. Book via glazingsummit.co.uk

Big questions

Although tackling climate change has been moving up the agenda the question remains how will the construction industry – and the fenestration sector specifically – adapt to a sustainable future and contribute to tackling climate change?

This year's Glazing Summit is set to tackle this big question – one of five hard-hitting debates at the one-day conference. Other topics include the supply chain crisis; the regulation minefield; running an installation business in uncertain times; and whether now is the right time to scale-up your business or get out. Attendees can have their say thanks to interactive Q&A. [i](#)

Super Six In NFAs

Morley Glass has been nominated for more National Fenestration Awards than ever after being shortlisted for six awards in the 2021 programme.

The company, which is the UK's largest manufacturer of Screenline blinds integrated within double glazed units, hopes to build on its 2020 NFAs success when it picked up four awards, including in the Covid Heroes category.

Three of the 2021 nominations for Morley Glass are for awards that the company won last year: Best Use of Video, IGU Manufacturer and Integral Blinds Company. This time around, Morley Glass is also in the running for Digital Marketing Campaign of the Year and

New Product and Recycling Company, reflecting the depth of its proactive approach to sales and marketing, R&D and sustainability.

And in addition to being a finalist in these corporate awards, two members of the Morley Glass team have also received nominations for individual awards. Marketing assistant Charlotte Gilbert has been named a finalist in the Social Networker and Young Person categories, along with Bryony Shaw, sales advisor, also on the shortlist for the Young Person award.

Donation

Morley Glass and Glazing has made its 10th donation to local sustainable projects with its



GreenVision Fund which uses money generated by the CRUSH recycling scheme to benefit local communities and the environment. The CRUSH scheme sees Morley collect glass and sell it to Saint-Gobain Glass to recycle it. 100% of this payment goes to GreenVision.

Each donation of up to £500 helps community groups or schools that wish to create green spaces or sustainable projects to bring their ideas into fruition.

The 10th beneficiary is Flourishing Families Leeds, which works to combat food poverty and supports family literacy. [i](#)