IBEE & RICS Accredited Providers Conference 2026

'Technical & Professional Education: Opportunities & Future Directions'

Thursday 10 & Friday 11 September 2026



This will be a face-to-face event in RICS London office. Delegates will have time to network with other UK accredited providers and throughout the day you will be encouraged to share your views.

This in-person event seeks to engage with academics and practitioners across the construction and built environment disciplines looking to:

- Experience excellent and innovatory inter-disciplinary practice
- Participate in interactive presentations and workshop sessions
- Actively engage with and share new ideas
- Draw on the expertise of leaders and innovators

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DAY ONE					
09:30 -10:15	***REGISTRATION*** Networking (tea & coffee)				
10:15 -10:30	**Welcome and Introductions | Lecture Hall** Aled Williams, iBEE Founder / Conference Chair, CHOBE Ian Jeal, Executive Director, Education and Qualifications, RICS				
10:30 -11:00	**Opening Address** (including Q&A) **| Lecture Hall** Nicholas Maclean OBE RD, RICS President				
11:00 -11:30	**Accreditation and QPD project update | Lecture Hall** Ian Jeal, Executive Director, Education and Qualifications, RICS Robyn McKenna, Chief Product Development Officer, RICS				
11:30 -11:50	***NETWORKING*** Tea & Coffee Break				
11.50 -12:30	**Engagement with the next generation of surveyors – Panel Discussion | Lecture Hall** Danni Foster, Next Generation Manager, RICS Kirsty White RICS Matrics Engagement Lead Abi Bailey MRICS, CBRE (Newly qualified and on the Matrics Birmingham Committee) Joe Brown, Hardies (Apprentice Quantity Surveyor, going into 3rd year at Edinburgh Napier) Hannah Yousef Saiyed, (BSC Quantity Surveying Student at Kingston University)				
12.30 -13.15	***NETWORKING LUNCH***				
13:15 -14.00	**Keynote | AI and education** *(including Q&A)* **| Lecture Hall** Chris de Gruben, Senior Director, Artefact				
14:00 – 15:00	**Workshop Session 1.** **Lecture Hall** **Chair: Fiona Borthwick** **Competition-based learning in higher education** - Michael McGuire, Programme Leader, GCU - Isabelle Barron MBE, Senior Digital Construction Consultant, WSP	*or*	**Presentation Session(s) A.** **Westminster Room** **Chair: Ehsan Asnaashari** **1. Kishor Zingre**. *Northumbria*: "Towards Responsible AI Integration in Built Environment Curricula: Evidence from UK Higher Education" **2. John Posillico.** *BCU*: "Development of a Holistic Admissions Score for Construction Management Programme Admissions"	*or*	**Presentation Session(s) B.** **Pall Mall Room** **Chair: Chaitali Basu** **4. Adelina Skirth**. *Coventry*: "When the campus closed: longitudinal evidence on belonging, hybrid provision and the future of built environment education" **5. Jane Ballantyne.** *Roehampton*: "Are we ready for a revolution?"

			3. Greg Watts. *Manchester Met*: "How AI is tipping the balance of Built Environment education towards cognitive surrender"		
15.00 -15.30	***NETWORKING*** Tea & Coffee				
15:30 – 16:30	**Workshop Session 2.** **Lecture Hall** **Chair: Sabine Coady Schaebitz** **Improving the diversity of the sector** Dr Samantha Organ, Associate Professor, UWE	*or*	**Presentation Session(s) A.** **Westminster Room** **Chair: Chaitali Basu**	*or*	**Presentation Session(s) B.** **Pall Mall Room** **Chair: Richard Laing**
			6. Grazyna Wiejak-Roy. *UWE*: **"**Towards global curricula – the case of land administration"		**9. Richard Burt.** *Auburn*: "Developing Student Learning Outcomes for Construction Management Students using Analysis of Entry Level Job descriptions in the United States"
			7. Lovelin Obi, Mark Shelbourn, Bankole Awuzie. *GBS*: **"**Academic Leadership in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Advancing Equity, Inclusion, and Social Mobility"		**10. Louise Brown**. *Ulster*: "Identification of causes of Maths Anxiety for men and women in applied mathematical subjects and proposed practice-based mediations".
			8. Jason Challender. *LJMU*: **"**The importance of social value in promoting outstanding projects in the built environment"		**11. Priti Lodhia, James Ritson.** *UBE*: **"**Informing Inclusive Design Through Neurodivergent Perspectives and Lived Experience"
16:30 – 17:00	**Property Research Trust: Examining the impact of socio-economic background on choice of built environment degree and graduate destinations | Lecture Hall** Neil Blake, Executive Director, Property Research Trust Dr Carolyn Gibbeson, Assistant Professor, Northumbria University Dr Cara Hatcher, Assistant Professor, Northumbria University				
17:00 - 17:15	***Transition to drinks reception***				
17:15 – 19:00	**Welcome Address: Procore Technologies** Dr Irish Hosey **Drinks Reception & Finger Buffet** **RICS HQ** **Council Chamber**				
CLOSE OF DAY ONE					

DAY TWO			
08:30 - 09:15	***REGISTRATION*** Networking (tea & coffee)		
09:15 - 09:30	**Welcome and introductions | Lecture Hall** Ian Jeal, Executive Director Education and Qualifications, RICS Aled Williams, iBEE Founder / Conference Chair, CHOBE		
09:30 - 10:00	**Keynote | Learn by Doing Together: Building the Future Workforce in the Age of AI and the Database Boom** **Lecture Hall** Dr Irish Horsey, Director of Industry Advancement, *Procore Technologies*		
10:00 – 11:00	**Workshop Session 3. Lecture Hall** **Chair: Chaitali Basu** **Ehsan Asnaashari, Andrew Knight.** *NTU*: **"**Is Your Assessment Vulnerable to Generative AI? The Resilience Advisor Reports"	*or*	**Presentation Session(s). Pall Mall Room** **Chair: Richard Laing** **12. Paul Vasantharaj.** *Huddersfield*: "Innovative Pedagogy for Teaching Collaborative Work in Built Environment" **13. Catherine Collopy, Onur Dursun.** *LJMU*: "Strengthening Authentic APC Readiness through Q&A-Based Assessment in Quantity Surveying Degree Apprenticeships" **14. Whitney Bevan.** *RGU*: "Community Building within Higher Education: Grassroot Career Support Mechanisms"
11:00 - 11:20	***NETWORKING*** Tea & Coffee Break		
11:20 -12:20	**Workshop Session 4. Lecture Hall** **Chair: Richard Laing** **Abdullahi Saka, UoW, Kudirat Ayinla, Loughborough. Opeoluwa Akinradeo. Free State South Africa:** **"**Embedding Responsible AI in Built Environment Education: Bridging Gap between Professional Practice and Curriculum"	*or*	**Workshop Session 5 (40 mins). Pall Mall Room** **Chair: Andrew Knight** **Ilir Nase. Manchester: "**Discounted cashflow assignments in property valuation: (how) can we make them AI proof?"
12:20 -13:00	***NETWORKING LUNCH***		
13:00 -13:45	**Workshop Session 6 (45 mins). Lecture Hall** **Chair: Fiona Borthwick** **Olayinka Omoboye. Afolabi Dania.** *Westminster*: "The Psychology of Preference: Helping HE Educators	*or*	**Workshop Session 7 (45 mins) Pall Mall Room** **Chair: Nick Morton** **Ann Vanner.** *Healing Buildings*: "Beyond Policy: Creating Practical Support Pathways for Equity, Wellbeing and Retention in the Built

	Reframe Student Engagement, Assessment Authenticity and Professional Identity in Post-GenAI Construction Education"		Environment - When Someone Needs Help, What Happens Next? Practical Support Pathways for Equity and Retention in the Built Environment"
13.45 -14:30	**Workshop Session 8 (45 mins) Lecture Hall** **Chair: Sabine Coady Schaebitz** **Cathy Higgs, Amanda Milambo, Priti Lodhia, Aravindi Samarakkody** *UBE*: **"**Digital Futures in Assessment: Utilising Diagnostic Computer-Marked Assessment to Support Student Learning"	*or*	**Workshop Session 9 (45 mins) Pall Mall Room** **Chair: Nick Morton** **Amna Salman.** *Auburn*: "Teaching Sustainability in AEC Education Through Study Abroad and Experiential Learning."
14:30 - 15:00	**Workshop Session 10 (30 mins) | Lecture Hall** **Chair: Andrew Knight** Apprenticeships / Skills **Nicky Jordan, Senior Product Manager**, *Skills England*		
15.00 – 15:15	**Closing Remarks & Reflections** Ian Jeal, Executive Director Education and Qualifications, RICS Aled Williams, iBEE Founder / Conference Chair, CHOBE		
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