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**Cork City Enterprise Board Hosts Information Evening for Construction Industry  
Professionals Co-Operative**

**If you are an engineer, architect or design professional sole trader and are challenged to find business in the current economic climate you will be interested in participating in an Open Night in Maryborough House on Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** Supported by Cork Enterprise Board, Enterprise Ireland, Engineers Ireland, the Royal Institute of Architects, Cork Chamber, Cork City Partnership, Cork City Council and various educational institutions the Open Night will explore the benefits of working in a shared environment as a part of a co-operative Hub.

The contraction of the construction industry in Ireland has left a huge surplus of highly skilled and experienced engineering, architectural and other construction professionals. Graduates from third level colleges are joining the market with skillsets in the latest technology to join this surplus. Is the only alternative to leave the country to get work? Are there strategies to retain the experience within the industry and the investment made in education? Emigration comes at an economic as well as a social cost. Do we have to lose the potential of these highly educated and experienced professionals to generate income in Ireland? With technology, determination and know-how, professional services can now be exported, as in other industries.

The creation of a Hub for Construction Professionals may be the means for targeting new construction projects at home and abroad. It will be located in Cork City where professionals will share low-cost, low risk affordable office space that includes common areas, canteen and meeting room. Participants in this community get to network, collaborate, share knowledge and are better placed to bid for projects.

Key note speakers on the night will include Frank O'Mahony, Managing Director, Wilson Architects and Pat McGrath, Deputy Chairman – International Development, PM Group. Each speaker will share their experiences on working in international markets. We invite anyone who feels they might be interested in being a part of this initiative, to attend the evening.

**To learn more and to register for this free open night contact Judy Costigan on 021-4887056 or [judy@costiganmarketing.com](mailto:judy@costiganmarketing.com)**