



Designing Buildings Wiki

Put all construction industry knowledge in one place.
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Two-year celebration

On 11 June, industry leaders gathered in Buro Happold's beautiful, central-London event space to celebrate the second year of Designing Buildings Wiki.

Julian Barwick, Executive Director at Development Securities, kicked things off with a presentation in which he suggested long-awaited change might be about to hit the construction industry, with nano-machines disrupting the status quo. Gregor Harvie, co-founder of Designing Buildings Wiki, followed with a presentation urging the industry to start exploiting the full potential of digital media and stop creating knowledge as if we're in the 16th century and have just published a book.

You can [read more on the website](#), find photos on [Storify](#) and [Flickr](#) and see the twitter feed at [#dbwikido](#).



Edge commission inquiry

Building on the 11 June event, Designing Buildings Wiki has submitted evidence to the Edge commission of inquiry on future professionalism. The inquiry is intended to '...examine how the professional institutions and other representative bodies should address pressing issues facing the design and construction sector.' The inquiry commission is chaired by Paul Morrell, former Chief Construction Advisor.

In our submission, we propose that a simple, common standard should be established for the preparation and publication of knowledge throughout the construction industry. This would make it easier to collaborate on the creation of knowledge, easier to index and find knowledge, and easier to interrogate and use knowledge. As a result it would be much more straight forward to take lessons learned from one project to the next and to share knowledge between different professions.

3D printing

Given all the fuss about 3D printing, we thought we would take a closer look and assess whether it's a high-tech revolution or a high-cost red herring.

MT Højgaard v E.ON

Construction Lawyer Najma Dunnett reviews the case of MT Højgaard v E.ON and what it means for our understanding of absolute obligations v reasonable skill and care. The moral of the case is that we should approach absolute obligations with caution and qualify them where possible.

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