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Featured articles and news

This week's featured article - The invisible city

Happold Foundation debate asks what smart cities are and why we want them and questions the value of big data.

Hertsmere House

Green light for Europe's tallest residential tower.

Unusual building design of the week - The Lotus Temple

The Lotus Temple - drawn from the essential architectural characters of the Baha'i scripture, and inspired by the lotus flower.

Pay now, argue later

Robert Fenwick Elliott considers the case of Aspect Contracts (Asbestos) v Higgins Construction.

iNSPiRe

Renovation research project finds residential buildings use 14 times more energy than offices across the EU, and warmer countries have made the greatest improvements in U-values.

BIM articles

There are 90 articles about BIM on Designing Buildings Wiki to help you prepare for Level 2.

Apprenticeships

BSRIA's Chief Executive Julia Evans suggests that "Sitting back and hoping it will all turn out well is unlikely to be a successful strategy".

Britain-China trade and investment

EU Trade Commissioner talks about increasing trade with China, the steel crisis, and the EU referendum.

Building of the week - Leaning Tower of Pisa

The history of the most famous 'defective' building in the world - why does it lean, and what has been done to try and fix it?

Around the web

BBC, 3 March

The story of Aleppo's 1,000-year-old minaret, destroyed in the Syrian Civil War.

Uandl, 3 March

Construction completed on 12 Hammersmith Grove, a new addition to West London's 'TV Triangle'.

RSHP, 1 March

The home of the Welsh National Assembly, the Senedd celebrates its 10th anniversary.

Construction Manager, 1 March

CM assesses Innovate UK's new Building Performance Evaluation review and gets a sense of deja vu.

Gov.wales, 1 March

New legislation under the Planning (Wales) Act comes into force.

BBC, 1 March

Port Talbot-based Specific Innovation Centre awarded £26m to develop 'buildings as power stations' concept.

BSRIA, 1 March

As International Women's Day approaches, BSRIA Chief Executive Julia Evans asks whether we are doing enough to promote the excellence of female engineers.

CBI, 29 February

CBI calls for the National Infrastructure Commission to be 'given teeth'.

ICE, 28 February

ICE welcomes Transport Infrastructure Skills Strategy and government plans for 30,000 new rail and road apprenticeships by 2020.

Crossrail, February

Crossrail launch 'Learning Legacy' knowledge-sharing website.

CIOB, 26 February

CIOB launches online portal to increase interaction with government.

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