

Getting to know you



CO2nstruct Zero Business Champion Carl Rushton Head of Sustainability McLaughlin & Harvey

McLaughlin & Harvey is a privately owned construction and civil engineering business with 170 years of experience. The company employs over 800 people and operates throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland, delivering quality construction, civil engineering, fit-out projects and providing facilities management services, to various industries in the public and private sectors.

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What is your role in a Nutshell - My role is to inspire and lead our business to become net zero ahead of Government targets, ultimately becoming a carbon-negative business and supporting our supply chain in the same manner. I also support and counsel our clients to think about how building projects can drive net zero and compliment their own journeys.



Why did McLaughlin and Harvey become a CZ Business Champion? McLaughlin & Harvey recognise that the climate emergency is real and that the built environment has a big role to play in solving the crisis. Raw material depletion, fossil fuel, carbon emission and waste form a significant part of the construction process. We believe circularity in the built environment must be accelerated. All decisions, from cradle to grave, must be considered as a whole, as opposed to in isolation. Open, honest industry-wide collaboration is critical. We became a Co2nstruct Zero Business champion to encourage collaboration, share our own journey and learn from others



What advice would you give to a business considering joining CZ? This is a safe and diverse collaboration of companies from across the industry. There are no daft questions, we are all learning and are here to help each other, and the wider industry, navigate the challenges that we are currently facing to secure the future of our industry, and future generations of citizens. Don't be shy.



Tell us an interesting fact about you or the business you represent? This year McLaughlin & Harvey is celebrating its 170th birthday as a business. We completed one of our first projects, Coleraine Town Hall, in 1859, for the sum of £4,146 19s 10½d.



Will you be heading to any Net Zero events this year? We continue to support the UKGBC and our framework partners with many collaboration and knowledge-sharing events. I will be joining the Supply Chain Sustainability School conference in September and in Scotland I will be attending The BE-ST Fest and Holyrood Magazine's Climate action summit in November.

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The Construction Industry's Zero carbon change programme

