

atim cluster June newsletter

Welcome to the June '23 edition of our monthly newsletter. This features updates on our recent events and upcoming opportunities.



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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

Condron Concrete manufacture and sell concrete pipes and roof tiles, and plastic pipes. This Tullamore based firm has been in existence for 54 years and employs 150 people.



📣 Upcoming Initiatives & Events 📣

BoostUp! Ireland 2023



6 Irish finalists have been chosen to pitch their solutions to solve some of the flagship challenges faced by manufacturing companies. The top 3 winning applicants selected will receive an exclusive invitation to join a matchmaking event in Europe and a prize award to support their go-to-European-market strategy.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear from our keynote, Shane Geary Vice President, Internal Manufacturing and General Manager at Analog Devices talking the changing factory floor: unlocking opportunities for growth and innovation through collaboration

Through our fireside chats, Manuel Fischer ABB, Tony Woods Midland Steel

will discuss how they created windows of opportunity for sustainable and competitive growth through EIT supported initiatives. Denis Dowling, I-FORM and Donatas Dikus (GND Partners) will outline upcoming funding opportunities for manufacturing SMEs through H2020.



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20th



9am-
16:00



Irish Manufacturing
Research, Mullingar

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Register for BoostUp! IRELAND

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Best of luck to our cluster members pitching during the final!



Time: 18:30 - 21:00
Date: 19 th June
Mullingar Park Hotel

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Join us for some food, drinks and an opportunity to network with leadership team from EIT Manufacturing and with atim cluster members

GALA DINNER



The atim cluster will host an inaugural Gala Dinner on Friday, **29th September**. This Gala Dinner will bring together manufacturing companies from the Midlands and beyond for an evening of networking and celebration.

The event starts with a reception from 7:00pm followed by dinner at

8:00pm.

Entertainment will be Secrets the Wedding Band, followed by a DJ 'till late!

🎫 €100 per person / €850 for tables of 10 / €750 for a table of 8. 🎫



Attend our Gala Dinner



Portuguese Medical & Well-Being Working Group to visit Ireland



POOL-NET (the Portuguese Tooling and Plastic Network), CEFAMOL (the Portuguese Mouldmaking Association) and CENTIMFE (the Portuguese research Centre for Mouldmaking & Plastics Industries) have formed a **Medical & Well Being** working group and will visit Ireland from June 26th - June 30th with the goal of building strategic connections with:

OEMs & 1st Tier, or suppliers of Medical devices looking for solution providers, Medical Device producers

Associations, Clusters, Research Centers, Universities willing to establish a strategic cooperation relationship

On June 27th from **10am- 13:30 in TUS Athlone**, we will host a presentations of the Portuguese working group participants (main competences and goals for the mission) and business opportunities from companies of the Portuguese MEDICAL & WELL BEING sector. This will be followed by B2B Meeting between participants.

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27th

10am-
15:00-

Engineering Building, TUS,
Athlone Campus

[Sign up for this workshop](#)

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A summary of recent events



In a world where technology is supporting industry streamline and enhance their innovation processes, having people with the knowledge, drive and attitude to deliver transformative change is essential for our manufacturing base to thrive in the future.

Based on the level of interest, engagement and innovative thinking the students displayed during the Dreambig programme last week, we are in safe hands!

Over the course of 5 action packed days, 28 students from 12 different schools across the Midlands visited the following 5 leading manufacturing companies based in Westmeath to learn about the products and services they create and the people behind them.



Each afternoon, students participated in a hands-on activity based on the company they visited. These interactive activities were led by Technological University of the Shannon, Offaly County Council, The Rediscovery Centre and Irish Manufacturing Research focused on deepening knowledge of the company as well as developing key skills such as design, collaboration, and communication.



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We held a closing ceremony in Irish Manufacturing Research with parents, educational providers (Technological University of the Shannon, Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board (LWETB), AMTCE - Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence.



A sincere thank you to the 70+ people who helped make this week-long event a success, including partners Engineers Ireland, Westmeath County Council & Mullingar Chamber



Anusha Smullen
Dreambig Participant

Dreambig is more than an outreach programme, it brings together all actors

This programme gave me the opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes in engineering companies and how there is so many different roles!



Alan Maloney
STEM Coordinator and
Technology Teacher, St
Joseph's Rochfordbridge

The programme has concrete examples of what it is like to work in the manufacturing industry, something that would never be able to show in the classroom or You tube videos can't really show.

so our manufacturing companies and people in our community can grow with the scale and ambition they want to achieve in the future. We are in the process of working with companies, educational partners and parents to plan the next steps of engagement and support.

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Ann Cahalan - Parent

This was a super experience for the students and plenty to think about for parents too - lots of opportunities in Manufacturing in the local area. Really demonstrating that statement - to Dreambig, the students don't have to go far.



Aisling Nolan- Mergon

'we have piloted this in Mullingar, the next step would be to see this go to all towns in the Midlands and further afield. I think it has the potential to make a big impact'

Committed to Net Zero – Building Capacity to Drive Change

On May 19th we held a workshop for senior business leaders aiming to create and implement more sustainable and decarbonised strategies into their organisations.

The session was facilitated by Brian Murnane, Carbon Action and was funded by First Polymer Training Skillnet and LOETB.



Companies attending were keen to gain a deeper insight into how to meet national targets on decarbonisation and embedding sustainability into their organisations.

100% of attendees said found the session relevant for their organisation and a useful in supporting their organisations decarbonisation journey.



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