

atim cluster May newsletter

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



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Hello,
Welcome to atim cluster newsletter!

Upcoming Initiatives in May

Committed to Net Zero

Building capacity to drive change

This workshop is for senior business leaders looking to build more sustainable and decarbonised organisations.

Topics covered:

- Climate Change; causes and effects
- Sustainability: how our thinking needs to change
- The challenge we face: the Management Crossroads
- Climate targets- how it effects your business:
 - International Standards – evolve with understanding
 - Carbon Price & Carbon Markets
 - Emissions Trading Schemes: EU –US-China
 - CBAM, TCFD, CSRD ,Third Party (v)alidation – SBTi, CDP, COP Direction & Outcomes
- Future Focus – Scope 3
- How we can help customers and ourselves – Case Studies
- How do we get started?
- The next steps to drive effective change

Friday, 19th May

8:30-13:00

LOETB Support Centre,R35 TF80

This workshop is delivered in partnership with



Register for Workshop

Dreambig

Dreambig is a new pilot programme to inspire, engage and support young people in the Midlands to pursue a career in advanced manufacturing.

28 students have been offered places and we are looking forward to meeting them next week. The Dreambig programme gives students the opportunity to visit and explore 5 manufacturing companies to learn more about the products and services they create, as well as the people behind them.

On Friday 12th May, cluster members are invited to join the closing celebration taking place in IMR from 14:00-16:30 to meet students, their parents and their teachers to discuss how best we can support young people engage and pursue a career in advanced manufacturing.



An industry-driven programme to inspire, engage and support young people in the Midlands pursue a career in advanced manufacturing



12th May :Closing Celebration
IMR, 14:00- 16:30

Register for Closing Ceremony

Dreambig



Aisling Nolan, Chief People and Technology Officer

The Dreambig Programme is a really innovative approach to addressing the shortage of young people opting for careers in manufacturing and engineering. Mergon are delighted to partner with other Midlands based companies and the ATIM cluster to bring this programme to life. We are particularly pleased that the programme has attracted so much interest from female students and we look forward seeing it deliver meaningful impact for the manufacturing sector and the students of the Midlands in the future.



Aisling Coleman, Officer Manager

This is a unique opportunity for students to gain hands-on exposure to advanced manufacturing in world-class companies right here in the Midlands"



Yvonne Concannon, General Manager

Writech are delighted to be part of this new pilot programme. It gives students the opportunity to meet real engineers in Writech and opens up their eyes to the world of engineering and manufacturing. By offering these valuable learning interactions, it's our hope that not only will we be offering something worthwhile for those already interested in a career in this field, but we'll also ignite a fresh interest in the industry by involving our young people in a practical and interactive way. We look forward to attracting and inspiring the Midlands engineers of the future!"



EIT BoostUp Ireland!

Thanks to all the companies that applied for the EIT BoostUp Ireland competition!

Join us on June 20th to hear the finalists pitch their solutions to win the prize fund and 4 month mentored support to EIT Manufacturing.

The session will also include a keynote address from Manuel Fishcher, ABB and fireside chats with Barry O'Sullivan, former Vice President from Johnson and Johnson Vision Care, Tony Woods, Midland Steel and KUKA Ireland and Prof. Denis Dowling (I-FORM, UCD) and Donatas Ditkus (GND Partners).



- June 20th
- IMR Mullingar
- 10am-3pm

Register your Interest

Highlights from April

Building Better Business

On 27th April, The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment hosted their Building Better Business events for businesses in the Midlands. The session focused on highlighting the supports available to help business navigate the green journey and boost your business performance through digital transformation.

The event was opened by Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Simon Coveney TD while Minister Dara Calleary, Minister of State for Trade Promotion, Digital and Company Regulation also addressed the attendees. Both Ministers empathised with the challenges businesses currently faced and emphasised Government's commitment to supporting businesses tackle the twin transition.

Well done to our three cluster members, Ciarán O'Gorman Bevcraft, Michael Delaney CJ Sheeran and Brian O'Donovan Mergon Group who participated on panel discussions during this event.



[Learn more](#)

TUS Engineering Open Day




The inaugural TUS Midlands Engineering Open Day took place on April 28th.

It brought together students, industry and regional stakeholders to showcase engineering and manufacturing in the Midlands.

Industry members had the unique opportunity to meet final-year students, see their final-year projects and discuss job opportunities. Members also met with representatives from Athlone based Enterprise Ireland Technology Gateways, COMAND and APT to discuss the innovation support solutions available to companies.

Based on the feedback from companies, the cluster will also hold a specific session to support industry members engage with undergraduate students for work placement in October. Further details on this will be available shortly.



“ As a leading Industrial Door engineering service based in Mullingar, Serchek was very pleased to get the opportunity to meet like-minded final year Engineering students and discuss their impressive final year projects with them. As our customers require more and more automation and efficiency in their working towards Net Zero – Serchek is very interested in engaging with TUS Engineers over the months and years to come. ”



International Cluster Collaboration



The cluster continues to build strategic connections with European Cluster organisations.

Over the course of 3 days, a series of meetings with representatives from Irish Manufacturing Research, Technology University of the Shannon, Athlone Campus and industry cluster members for our visitors, with some exciting opportunities for collaboration established. We look forward to taking these ideas to the next stage and delivering value back to our members.

The forging of these strategic partnerships is a significant step towards strengthening the relationships between the Atim Cluster and prominent organisations in the European cluster community



Tânia Mendes, CENTIMFE - Technological Center for Mouldmaking, Special Tooling and Plastic Industries. Carlos Agustí and Joaquín Vilaplana from Aiju Instituto Tecnológico de Producto Infantil y Ocio, Spain travelled to Ireland for the IPG Conference Spain & cluster meetings



Future of Jobs Report 2023

The latest 'Future of Jobs Report' of Women Economic Forum (WEF), highlights the significant changes we can expect to see in European labour market . Is it a challenge? Is it an opportunity?

A few findings:

- Almost a quarter (23%) of #jobs are expected to completely change by 2027.
- 6 out of 10 workers will need to reskill or upskill in the next 5 years.
- #Greentransition will create the strongest net job creation effect.
- A majority of companies will prioritize #women (79%) and #youth < 25 (68%).
- Adoption of #technology and increased #digital access will create net job growth, with greater offsets from losses.
- Fastest-growing jobs relative to their size today are: #AI and #machinelearning specialists, #sustainability specialists, business intelligence analysts and information #security specialists.

Click the link below for the full report



[Learn more](#)

Member Updates

Welcome to our new members!



Millenium Machinery

Leading supplier of machine tools in Ireland



Banagher Concrete

Supplier of bespoke prestressed and rebar reinforced precast concrete products including bridge beams, tunnel segments, culverts and more



Molloy Precast

Leader in the manufacture, installation, and maintenance of Sustainable Wastewater Treatment Systems, Foul Water Pumping Stations and Precast Concrete Tanks



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