

Newsletter (September 2025)

Cardiff Arena & Hotel

Welcome to the first edition of the Cardiff Arena and Hotel Community Newsletter.

The McLaren Team is proud to deliver the Cardiff Arena & Hotel project through to its successful completion. We've brought together a skilled and experienced team, committed to delivering the highest standards while maintaining a positive relationship with the local community.

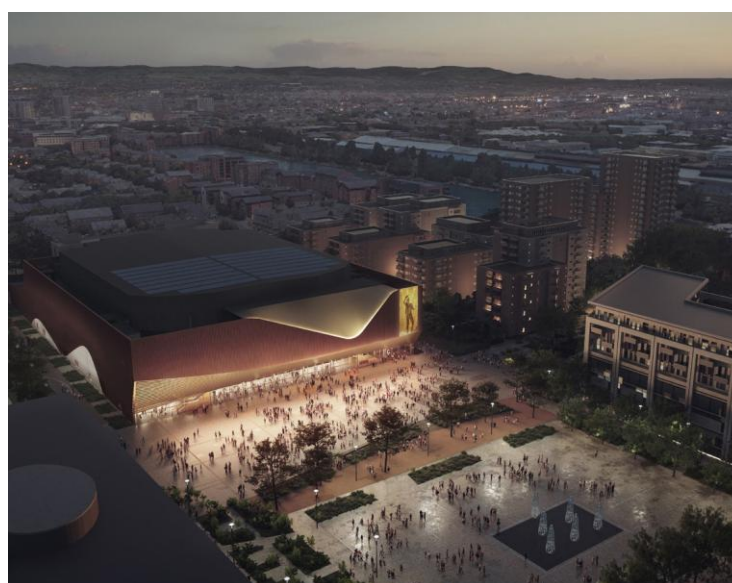
McLaren's works have now begun and we want to keep you informed, involved, and inspired every step of the way. We're excited to welcome you to this journey and look forward to sharing regular updates and insights through this newsletter.



Kevin McElroy
Project Director

Hello!

Over the last +8 months. While the enabling works have been undertaken by Knights Brown and Provectus to clear the site for our client. The McLaren team have been planning and procuring the main works for the successful delivery of the new Arena & Hotel along with associated public realm works. We are delighted to have been chosen as the main contractor for the project and want to ensure the work we deliver leaves a legacy for the local community.



Images: CGI photos of Cardiff Arena & Hotel



What we are doing...

The Cardiff Arena & Hotel project located in Cardiff Bay will deliver a vibrant and sustainable development which houses an indoor arena with the ability to host a variety of entertainment events. It also includes a six storey 182-bed hotel to replace the current Travelodge on Hemingway Road. The new hotel will be located immediately north of the new arena. The project comprises a significant amount of external landscaping including creation of a large public plaza to the south of the Arena building.

The site is located between the Council Headquarters (County Hall) to the east and the residences (which front on to Lloyd George Avenue) to the west. To the south is the Red Dragon Centre and its car park.

- Project Start: 21st July 2025
- Location: Cardiff Arena Project in Cardiff Bay
- Capacity: 16,500-seater seat capacity.
- Arena Opening Expected date 2028



Over the next few months, you will notice...

Mclaren have taken phased possession of the site from Provectus up until the end of September, with piling works and groundworks ongoing throughout Q3 2025.

'Keeping you updated & minimising disruption'

From the time of site possession, we at Mclaren have been very conscious of the disruption our works could potentially cause to our neighbours and have looked at options to reduce this where possible. With these considerations in mind, we will continue to take care to minimise disruption to you while these works take place.



Our Social Value Commitments

Mclaren aims to deliver not only a high-quality construction project, but to also create lasting positive impacts for the community and environment of Cardiff and surrounding areas. The Social Value plan will explain how the Cardiff Arena & Hotel building project endeavour to maximise the opportunities that create social value, by delivering tangible social, economic, and environment benefits, and leave a positive legacy for Cardiff.

Details of our social value commitments will be provided in our upcoming Community Newsletter.

- Jobs for local people and pre-employment routeways into roles for local people
- Apprenticeships for local people
- Educational activities and community activities
- Local procurement and supply chain events

Meet the Management Team !

Kevin McElroy Project Director	Tom West Project Manager	Nick Clements Project Manager	Campbell Nation Project Manager	Steve Bourne Commerical Manager	Chris Evans Building Services Manager	Carwyn Jones Design Manager	Rob Huntly Design Manager



We are **Respectful**



We deliver **Quality**



We are **Understanding**



We are **Attentive**

Community Event

Representatives from McLaren Construction, working on the Cardiff Arena Project, were proud to attend and support the recent Amanah Cymru Work Experience Conference 2025 at Fitzalan High School Saturday 12th July. A community event focused on empowering young people from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds as they explore career opportunities.

As part of our ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion in the construction industry, members of our team shared personal stories, insights, and practical advice about career paths in construction —from project management to skilled trades.

“It’s vital that young people see themselves represented in industries like ours,” said Campbell Nation Project Manager “it was great to see how engaged and curious the students were, even when exploring paths, they hadn’t initially considered”

The event sparked meaningful conversations and left students with valuable connections and renewed confidence about their futures. We look forward to continuing our work with local schools and communities to build not just structures -but brighter futures.



We are here to help



Contact Information

Should you have any urgent enquiries, please contact us. If you wish to receive our monthly newsletter by email, please register your interest by sending an email to: Talk-To-Us@Mclarengroup.com

Site Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 08.00 till 18.00 & Saturday 08.00 till 13.00

Once again, thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we work towards improving your community.

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