



## Membership Application Form

## ÉASCA

The Environmental and Sustainable Construction Association was founded by Duncan Stewart (RTE1's About the House), Professor Tom Woolley (Queen's University Belfast), Paul Leech (Leech-Gaia Ecotecture), and Jeff Colley (editor of Construct Ireland) to support, accredit and promote sustainable construction in Ireland. ÉASCA's primary role is to act as an information service and to guide people towards companies who can contribute to delivering high and positive standards of sustainable construction and design.

## The Emergence of Sustainable Construction in Ireland

The demand for more sustainable construction output is greater than it has ever been, due to a variety of factors. International energy prices, EU directives, Climate Change and Ireland's commitment to reducing national emissions levels under the Kyoto Protocol are beginning to change the way the construction industry performs. Added to this, the move to more sustainable construction is also being aided by an increasingly health, environment and energy conscious public who are beginning to demand higher performance from buildings. Public awareness of the effect that building can have on the environment has never been higher.

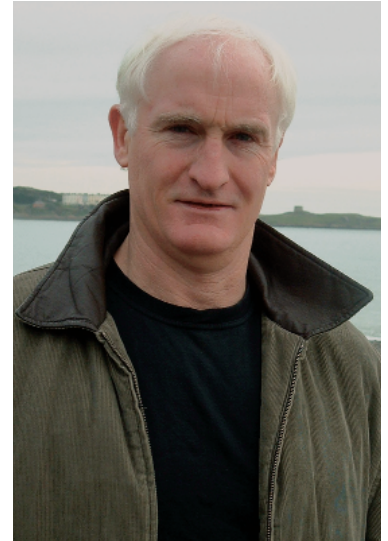
## Responding to the Demand

Although more and more services, materials and technologies with positive health, energy and environmental implications are emerging on the Irish market, until now these have lacked a dedicated forum, peer review or accreditation. This in turn has undermined the ability of

professionals within the industry in sourcing materials, technologies and services and the public and state to make informed choices and have confidence that they are getting their money's worth. This is further compounded by the degree in which standards vary in current construction output, undermining confidence in the industry. The need for a resource dedicated to resolving these issues is a key motivation behind the formation of ÉASCA. ÉASCA will support, through association and accreditation, companies equipped to deliver sustainable construction to the highest standards.

"... out there is a huge resource of very well proven products, systems, experts and skills. It's a matter of coordinating these so that on one level the consumer trying to do the right thing can source the right product or system and at the same time those providing the right skills have a market."

- Duncan Stewart



Although ÉASCA cannot offer 100% guarantees of quality, its membership will consist of companies ÉASCA's highly qualified, experienced and respected vetting professionals believe to offer useful products and services in helping to deliver more sustainable construction. ÉASCA will direct people towards existing Irish and European certification, where relevant, which ÉASCA members may carry.

## Membership of ÉASCA

There are four categories of ÉASCA Members:

### Non-Vetted

Individual Membership €5/month

### Vetted

Small Company (Up to €1m/annum turnover) €40/month

Medium Company (€1m-€5m/annum turnover) €80/month

Large Company (Over €5m/annum turnover) €160/month

All members receive a subscription to the bi-monthly Construct Ireland magazine, discounted entry into all ÉASCA and ÉASCA-associated events (small companies can have up to five entrants discounted/copies of magazine, medium companies ten and large companies twenty) and access to our online forum for great networking and information opportunities. Furthermore, members can avail of discounts provided by other ÉASCA members, thus mutually reinforcing the sustainable construction industry and community.

Vetted members, once their application is approved, are also entitled to carry the ÉASCA seal of approval on all their stationary, publications and advertising. There are discounts for stalls and displays at ÉASCA events and enhanced listings on our website and our pages in Construct Ireland Magazine.

## Special Member Benefits:

The following offers have been very kindly made to coincide with the launch of ÉASCA:

- Free entry to Plan Expo 2006
- Free entry to the Spring House and Garden Show 2007
- Discounts on the Ecological Building Systems' product range
- Visit [www.easca.ie](http://www.easca.ie) regularly for more information on discounts

## Regular Giving:

ÉASCA depends entirely on the membership fees paid by our members, which is crucial to maintaining our independence and impartiality. When members pay by way of a regular subscription, not only do they get the convenience of a more manageable monthly amount and no need to renew annually, but we are enabled to plan and budget in advance with a regular and predictable income stream. ÉASCA would like to thank all its members for supporting us.

Name / Company Name

Address

Company Contact

Tel

Mobile

E-Mail

Type of membership sought: **Non-Vetted** (complete this page only)

Individual membership  
(Minimum €5/month)

**Vetted** (complete all pages)

Small Company (Minimum €40/month)  
Medium Company (Minimum €80/month)  
Large Company (Minimum €160/month)

Amount to pay/month €  (minimum as above)

Start date  /  /

Please allow approximately 30 days from today before the start date. Times for vetting members can vary. Subscription rates are reviewed annually. If any changes in minimum subscription rates are proposed, ÉASCA will notify you at least one month in advance of your account being debited. Membership, member benefits, ÉASCA approval and the use of the ÉASCA Member logo can be withdrawn by the management at any time. Although members may be entitled (eg large companies) to multiple subscriptions to Construct Ireland, to prevent unnecessary wastage, companies can choose to receive fewer copies.

**Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to Pay Direct Debits**

Originators Identification No. (OIN):  Originators Reference:



1. Please write the name and full address of your Bank/Building Society & Branch

Bank/Building Society:

Branch:

2. Name of Account Holder

Name:

3. Sort Code & Account Number

Sort Code:   -   -

Account #:

4. Your Instruction to your Bank/Building Society, and your Signature:

i: I instruct you to pay Direct Debits from my account at the request of Cultivate.

ii: I confirm that the amounts to be debited are variable and may be debited on various dates.

iii: I shall duly notify the Bank/Building Society in writing if I wish to cancel this instruction. I shall also so notify Cultivate of such cancellation.

Signature:

Date:

**The Direct Debit Guarantee:**

This is a guarantee provided by your own Bank/Building Society as a member of the Direct Debit Scheme, in which all Banks/Building Societies and Originators of Direct Debits participate. If you authorise payment by Direct Debit, then:

- Your Direct Debit Originator will notify you in advance of the amounts to be debited to your account

- Your Bank/Building Society will accept and pay such debits, provided that your account has sufficient available funds

- If it is established that an unauthorised Direct Debit was charged to your account, you are guaranteed a prompt refund by your Bank/Building Society of the amount so charged. You can cancel the Direct Debit in good time by writing to your Bank/Building Society. Please also inform Cultivate.

# The ÉASCA Charter

ÉASCA was formed to promote and facilitate positive change to mainstream sustainable building practices in Ireland. Membership of ÉASCA is judged on the basis of a member's commitment to achieving sustainable building practices and the practical steps they are taking to realise that commitment. By associating with others involved in sustainable building through membership, members are generating a new, strong and common voice for sustainable building in Ireland. By linking together and accepting common criteria for standards and peer-review, members are moving forward the agenda for sustainable construction in Ireland. By joining ÉASCA, members are expected to commit, where applicable, to:

- Build today without compromising the needs of tomorrow.
- Achieve best practice standards in their own field.
- Aspire to provide for products/services/building works to be carbon neutral or zero carbon and zero waste.
- Ensure high levels of energy efficiency are incorporated into all works and in particular:

All building, where possible, should follow the principle of low-impact and high performance design, improving the efficiency of the whole building and minimising energy loss through high levels of thermal insulation, following bio-climatic principles of solar orientation and compactness in order to gain a useful percentage of passive solar heating contribution, efficient electrical appliances and maximising day lighting and the use of active renewable energy where appropriate.

- Acknowledge that waste reduction, reuse and recycling are core design principles that all members are absolutely expected to implement.
- Be aware of environmental impact data, such as carbon and other emissions during manufacture/construction/use and miles travelled and aim to ensure these are kept to a minimum or eliminated altogether.
- Address water management:

Ensure that potable water consumption is minimised to drinking and washing purposes only, meeting other water needs through harvested rainwater and grey water for toilet flushing and irrigation, etc. Wastewater treatment should be primarily

close to source and/or onsite with preference given to biological based systems. Applying the principle of reduction, reuse and recycling to water use is again a core principle for ÉASCA members.

- Ensure that the embodied energy of materials will be taken into consideration in the choice/manufacture/construction of all products and building works. Members should, where possible, prioritise locally sourced materials of a low-embodied energy and use intelligent systems to ensure proper planning and dimensioning of materials to reduce on-site wastage.
- Pay special attention to integrating building works into transport networks and local community facilities so as to ensure that the long term legacy of the works remains sustainable.
- Consider fully the environmental impact of products, services and building work and strive to do no harm to biodiversity and local ecosystems.
- Participate as a member in the well-being of the association as a whole where possible, through cooperating with other ÉASCA members, offering reciprocal benefits, services & discounts and supporting ÉASCA events.

ÉASCA also calls on members to review their own personal and business practices and apply the principles of reduction, reuse, recycling and sustainability to all aspects of their activities.

Signed:

On behalf of:

