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TG128 Lean Construction

CIB enabled collaboration

What a CIB task group gives you, what has happened in six months, and what we are asking this room to take on.



The barriers we heard yesterday are production problems. Lean Construction is the discipline that was built for them.

Programme fragmentation is what lean calls local optimisation. Broken infrastructure sequencing is a flow problem. Late commitment to sites is what Target Value Delivery exists to fix. Industrialisation without a production system behind it is just repetition.

What TG128 is

Task Group on Lean Construction · launched 10 March 2026 · runs to 2028

A focused forum, closely aligned with the International Group for Lean Construction, that consolidates, advances and shares knowledge about lean theory and practice.

It connects lean with the wider built-environment agenda: sustainability, digitalisation, systems integration and social value.

It sits inside CIB's global research network while keeping the open, reflective spirit of the IGLC community.

Its five objectives

- 1 Inclusive global collaboration across lean, sustainability and digitalisation
- 2 Synthesise how lean has been adapted in different economies and cultures
- 3 Reflective, collaborative practice with industry and policy, not only academia
- 4 Capacity building for students and early-career researchers
- 5 Outputs that count for both IGLC and CIB

Who is in it

Six coordinators in five countries; twelve founding members in eight

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What “CIB enabled” means in practice

Five things a task group has that a single project or a single university does not

A network	5,000 experts in 70 countries, and the people in this room.
A badge to convene	Industry, professional bodies and policy come to a CIB table they would not come to for one university.
Routes to publish	CIB publications, a special issue in a CIB-encouraged journal, the World Building Congress in 2028.
A calendar that outlasts a grant	Workshops, webinars and formal meetings on a fixed rhythm for three years.
A pipeline of people	Students and early-career researchers with mentoring, authorship and leadership roles.

What we are planning

Everything is under development; nothing here has run yet

UK strand

The first Annual UK Lean Construction Research & Industry Forum, 30 October 2026 at NTU, then quarterly workshops from 2027 rotating between NTU, BCU and Anglia Ruskin.

New Zealand strand

A workshop series at AUT in Auckland, quarterly.

Global strand

TG128 workshops at IGLC in 2027 and 2028, and at the CIB World Building Congress in 2028.

Webinars

Thirteen webinars over three years, every two months. Topics are listed; no webinar has been held yet and the series has no lead.

Early-career strand

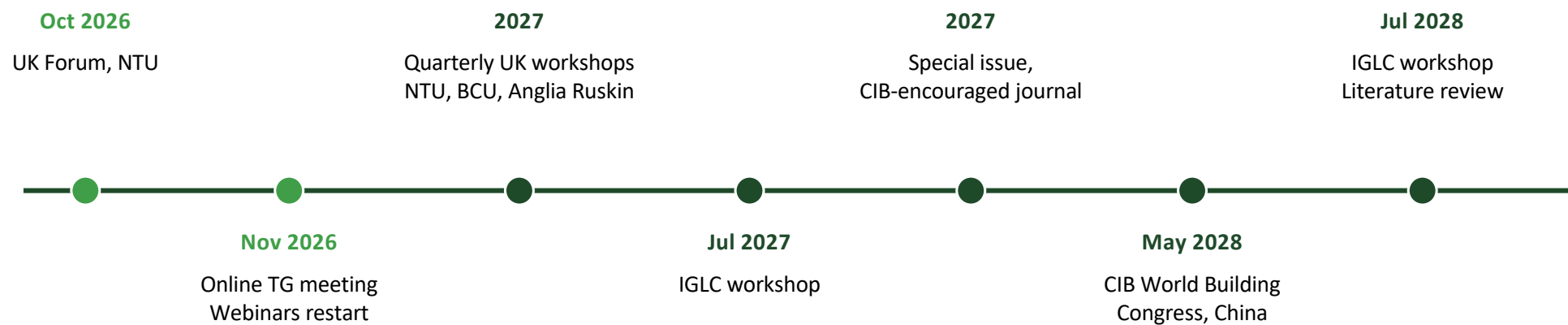
Mentoring, co-authorship and leadership roles for students and early-career researchers, starting with a session at the forum.

Publications

A special issue in a CIB-encouraged journal in 2027 and a literature review on future directions in lean construction in 2028.

The plan to 2028

UK and New Zealand workshops, IGLC and CIB events, webinars and publications in between



Alongside: New Zealand workshops at AUT each quarter, and a webinar every two months once the series has a lead.

The six CIB activity streams in the programme

Stream names and first outputs are quoted from the symposium programme. The right-hand column is a suggestion.

Stream (programme)	First practical output (programme)	Where TG128 could help
1. CIB European Housing Acceleration Initiative	A position note, comparative case programme and route to future symposia and joint projects	Members in eight countries who can each bring a housing case to the comparative programme
2. UK & Northern Europe Member Forum and Shared Calendar	A bi-monthly forum, shared calendar, Working Commission and Task Group updates	TG128 events in the calendar; a TG128 update at the forum
3. Housing, Industrialisation and Retrofit Webinar Series	Three or four research–practice webinars using a common international case-study format	Run as one series with TG128's webinars: same speakers, same format, one lead
4. Industry–Academic Housing Delivery Roundtables	Roundtables with housing associations, infrastructure bodies, contractors, manufacturers and funders	—
5. CIB UK Early Career Researcher Network	A steering group, launch event, Meet CIB session and peer-mentoring pilot	TG128's early-career strand joins this rather than running separately
6. Student Chapter and Research Collaboration Programme	A Student Chapter exchange or summer school, plus a collaboration incubator	Student sessions alongside the UK and NZ workshops

What we are asking this room for

Someone to lead the webinar series

One person, jointly with CIB's stream. This is the ask that matters most; thirteen webinars are planned and none has been held.

Three first speakers or chairs

For November, January and March. A case, a piece of research, or a practice insight from your country.

Hosts for 2027 workshops

A regional workshop or seminar at your institution or in your country, with a student or early-career event alongside.

Please come and join us

Annual UK Lean Construction Research & Industry Forum 2026

Friday 30 October 2026

Nottingham Trent University

Research and industry in one room · the first TG128 UK event · launch of the webinar series · an early-career session

Registration details will follow. If you would like to speak, bring a case, or bring your company, tell us today.

