



Fermanagh Lakeland Forum Redevelopment

Construction Newsletter

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Welcome

We are pleased to provide you with the first newsletter of 2026. Work is well underway on the new Fermanagh Lakeland Forum Redevelopment Project. The transformational project, being delivered on behalf of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, will include a new state-of-the-art leisure, health and wellbeing hub including walkways and other outdoor activity uses, a play park, active waterfront areas, a car park and hard and soft landscaping.

The scheme, which is part funded by the UK Government, will be Ireland's first Passivhaus-certified leisure centre and swimming pool.

Project Update

October – December 2025

Over the winter period, we advanced the construction of the car park and access road on the north side of the existing 4G pitch. Installation of the new foul and storm drainage networks has been ongoing across the site. We have also enhanced site safety and accessibility by installing additional lighting along the external perimeter walkways.



Piling - January 2026

Scan the QR code to view the timelapse video which captures the piling phase of construction.



All 516 piles, along with the pumping station and petrol interceptor, were installed on-site in January. Piling works are now fully complete.



February 2026 - Ongoing

A key focus has been advancing the external drainage around the new building. In early February, the Tower Crane was erected on site. With the crane in place and the drainage works advancing, construction has now begun on the structural ground beams for what will become the main swimming pool area of the new centre. These works will continue over the coming months.

Building Futures: Green Design & Careers in Construction



Build the Future: Green Design and Careers in Construction with GRAHAM Construction



Recently, 43 students from across Fermanagh and Omagh participated in our two-day **Green Design & Careers in Construction** virtual work experience to celebrate Green Skills Week.

Hosted and organised by **Futures for All** and delivered by the GRAHAM Project and Environmental Leads, with support from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Capital Projects Team, Sussed, and McAdam Design, the programme gave students a valuable insight into the project and a range of technical, specialist, and client-side career pathways.

Impressively, 100% of participants reported feeling confident in their ability to achieve their career ambitions, highlighting the strong impact of this collaborative initiative.

Shining a light on a safer future



GRAHAM was proud to support Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's **Lights for Change – A Christmas Tree for a Safer Future Initiative**, displaying the #BeTheChange bauble on-site to help amplify its message of hope and unity.

This simple act contributed to raising awareness and supporting the wider effort to end violence against women and girls, aligning with the campaign's prevention-focused goals.

From Classroom to Construction: Students go behind the scenes

Recently, we were delighted to meet with students from St. Michael's College, St. Fanchea's College, Drumragh Integrated College, South West College and St. Kevin's College through in-school workshops and some site visits to the project.



Facilitated by Futures for All, across the three schools, pupils met GRAHAM engineers and planners, explored sustainable design themes, learned about construction career pathways and saw project progress firsthand.

The sessions provided valuable real-world insight and strengthened the link between classroom learning and industry practice.

Step into your future career



Information on all current GRAHAM opportunities including paid employment, apprenticeships, and the GRAHAM Academy, is available at www.graham.co.uk.

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