



The Society of Chartered Surveyors



Surveyors urge students to plan for the future with a mobile and diverse qualification

Tuesday 23rd June 2009. With the deadline for CAO change of mind forms fast approaching, the Society of Chartered Surveyors has urged students to keep an open mind on a career in property and construction.

The President of the SCS, Ken Cribbin, said that while it's true the sector has been badly affected by the recession, the property market is cyclical and will come back again.

"The property market is a dynamic market. Right now international indications suggest that the bottom of the current economic downturn may have been reached and we are likely to see a recovery in the next few years. This is especially relevant to anyone considering a career in property and construction. Like the sector, property professionals need to be dynamic and flexible to meet the demands of the market."

Cribbin said he believed that anybody commencing a surveying-related third level degree at this point should benefit from the timing of this economic recovery, as demand for graduates will start building rapidly in Ireland and throughout Europe.

Zoe O'Connor, Head of Education with the SCS said there were many benefits to pursuing a career in surveying, key amongst them being diversity and mobility. And she said students also need to think ahead to what will be happening in 2013 and beyond.

"Surveying is an immensely diverse career with a wide variety of potential employers. A surveyor can become involved in anything from creating towns or housing projects to environmental or health projects to advising on property deals."

But she said discerning students often looked at the big picture and in this respect, surveying had a huge amount to offer. "Surveying is a very social profession with surveyors coming into contact with a wide range of professionals. There is also a community aspect which enables surveyors to become important players in charity and community projects. And thirdly surveying is a very mobile profession, enabling many young people to combine career development with foreign travel."

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The following surveying courses should be considered:

DIT Bolton Street

BSc (Hons) Construction Economics (Quantity Surveying)
BSc (Hons) Property Economics (Valuation Surveying)
BSc (Hons) Property Studies (Valuation Surveying)
BSc (Hons) Geomatics (Land Surveying)
BSc (Hons) Environmental and Spatial Planning (Planning & Development Surveying)

Limerick Institute of Technology

BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying
BSc (Hons) Real Estate (Valuation Surveying)

Cork Institute of Technology

BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying

Waterford Institute of Technology

BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying

Sligo Institute of Technology

BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

BSc (Hons) Property Studies (Valuation Surveying)

Dundalk Institute of Technology

BSc (Hons) Building Surveying

Letterkenny Institute of Technology

BSc (Ord) Quantity Surveying

Note to Editors

The Society of Chartered Surveyors (SCS) is Ireland's largest property and construction body, and represents Quantity Surveyors, Valuation Surveyors, Building Surveyors, Planning and Development Surveyors, Land Surveyors (Geomatics), Minerals Surveyors and Rural Surveyors throughout the Republic of Ireland. Maintaining strong links and agreements with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the worldwide representative body, SCS members are internationally recognised and respected as being at the forefront of their profession.