

Training Centre leading the way in sustainability

Seán Harney, Training Manager at the Clem Jacob Hire Training Centre, said training has become one of the most exciting and progressive parts of the journey at Clem Jacob Hire over the past number of years.

"From our new state-of-the-art training facility in Waterford, we have focused on building something that reflects the needs of the industry today, and where the industry is heading in the future. Our goal has always been simple - to provide high-quality, flexible and accessible training for people and businesses across the South East, with highly experienced trainers," said Seán.

WIDE RANGE OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES

"We deliver a wide range of industry and safety training programmes, including IPAF (MEWP), Forklift, Manual handling, First Aid and

many other courses tailored to customer requirements," explained Seán.

"Alongside traditional classroom-based learning, we have also invested heavily in blended learning and e-learning solutions, giving customers more flexibility in how and when they train. It is something our customers increasingly wanted, and we worked hard to create a system that allows people to access professional training in a way that fits around busy working schedules.

"We also continue to provide on-site training for businesses, where companies can train teams safely and efficiently within their own working environments.

"What makes our Training Facility particularly unique is the thinking behind how it was built," said Seán.

SUSTAINABILITY

"Sustainability was a major priority from day one, and over the last 18 months we have developed what we



Sean Harney, Training Manager, Clem Jacob Hire Training Centre.

believe is the first fully off-grid training centre of its kind in Europe. The facility is powered by more than 60 solar panels alongside a full battery storage system, generating much more energy than the centre itself consumes all year round. We have been blown away with the results so far this year," said Seán.

"Today, all training operations within the facility operate entirely off-grid - from the building itself to the charging of machinery

and electric company vehicles. Combined with our ongoing move towards electric-powered equipment and the use of HVO fuel in place of traditional green diesel, the project is a genuine long-term commitment to more sustainable ways of operating within the industry."

SHORTLIST FOR INTERNATIONAL AWARD

That commitment has now

received international recognition, with Clem Jacob Hire recently shortlisted in the Sustainability category at the 2026 International Awards for Powered Access (IAPA), which will take place in Istanbul this October.

"The IAPA Awards are regarded as one of the most respected and prestigious events in the powered access industry worldwide, making the recognition particularly significant for us, a local

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