

CIC Chief Executive awarded honorary Doctorate from UCEM

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[The Construction Industry Council \(CIC\)](#) warmly congratulates its Chief Executive, Graham Watts OBE, on his award of an Honorary Doctorate by the University College of Estate Management (UCEM) at a ceremony in Reading Town Hall on Saturday, 2 December 2022.

UCEM awards Honorary degrees to individuals who have demonstrated significant achievement in their field and whose achievements are compatible with UCEM's mission and values. An Honorary Doctorate is a distinguished award that UCEM can grant annually to individuals for their transformational influence in their respective Built Environment or Education disciplines. Graham Watts received his Honorary Doctorate for his services to construction and for a safer built environment, focusing particularly on his leadership of the sector's response to the Grenfell tragedy.

Graham said of his award: "I have been a strong supporter of UCEM for many years and the work that they do is of great significance to achieving industry improvement. There has also long been a close association between CIC and UCEM. I'm particularly honoured to follow such industry leaders as Mark Farmer in receiving this award and it was a special delight to share the experience of the award ceremony with Mark Reynolds."

The Chair of the UCEM Trustees, Amanda Clack – Past President of the RICS – said, "Huge congratulations to Graham on behalf of us all at UCEM, for all he has done through the CIC, including numerous All Party Parliamentary Review groups investigating important issues across the built environment and for his work on improving fire safety. He is a very worthy award recipient."

Mark Reynolds, Industry Co-Chair of the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) was also awarded an

Honorary Doctorate for innovative and responsible services to construction and the built environment and CIC would also like to extend congratulations to Mark on his achievement.