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International workholding experts unite for new Irish manufacturing symposium

National Workholding Symposium & Exhibition will bring global workholding knowledge, practical applications and specialist manufacturing expertise to Shannon on 10 November 2026

Ireland's manufacturing community will have a unique opportunity to learn from leading international workholding specialists when the National Workholding Symposium & Exhibition takes place at Future Mobility Campus Shannon on Tuesday, 10 November 2026.

The focused, one-day technical event will bring together experts from Blue Photon, Hainbuch, Lehmann, Mate, Tecnologie FRB, Tepas Vacuum, Walmag and ZeroClamp.

Collectively, the participating specialists represent an extensive range of workholding technologies for turning, milling, grinding, automation and other precision-manufacturing applications.

The symposium has been created to help Irish manufacturers understand how better workholding decisions can improve component accuracy, productivity, repeatability, process reliability and overall machining performance.

Rather than presenting workholding simply as a means of holding a component, the event will examine its influence across the complete machining process—from setup time and tool life to machine utilisation, quality and production security.

Presentations, application examples and specialist discussions will address genuine manufacturing challenges and demonstrate how modern workholding technologies are being applied successfully around the world.

Lucy Jones, Event Manager of the National Workholding Symposium & Exhibition, said:

> *"Workholding is the foundation of every machining process, but its contribution is often considered after the machine and cutting tool decisions have already been made. In reality, the way a component is held can influence virtually every aspect of the manufacturing result.*
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> *"Our objective is to bring outstanding international knowledge to Ireland and create a genuinely educational day around practical applications. We want delegates to leave with ideas and understanding that they can apply within their own businesses."*

Specialist workholding knowledge in one place

The confirmed technology participants bring complementary areas of workholding expertise:

- **Blue Photon** - photo-activated adhesive workholding for difficult-to-hold and delicate components, supporting five-sided machining and access to previously restricted features
- **Hainbuch** - modular clamping systems for turning, milling and grinding, designed to enable rapid changeover, high precision and flexible production
- **Lehmann** - compact, high-precision Swiss CNC rotary tables for multi-axis machining, automation and productivity improvement
- **Mate** - high-performance self-centring vices and zero-point workholding systems for repeatable setup, secure clamping and efficient machine utilisation
- **Tecnologie FRB** - specialist live centres and face drivers for turning and grinding applications, enabling accurate location and complete external machining access
- **Tepas Vacuum** - modular and reliable vacuum clamping systems for securely holding components ranging from simple to complex, while enabling accurate 5-sided machining.
- **Walmag** - permanent, electromagnetic and electro-permanent magnetic clamping solutions for milling, grinding, lifting and handling applications
- **ZeroClamp** - zero-point clamping systems, workholding devices and automation solutions developed to reduce setup time and enable repeatable, flexible production

Together, the specialists will provide delegates with a broad view of how modern workholding can be selected and applied to solve practical production challenges.

Connecting cutting tools, workholding and complete process performance

NWSE is also developing an Industry Partner programme for Ireland's cutting-tool community.

Irish subsidiaries, agents and distributors representing leading global cutting-tool manufacturers will be invited to participate. The programme will give their technical sales personnel access to the symposium, helping them strengthen their understanding of modern workholding methods and the relationship between cutting tools, component security and machining performance.

Each approved Industry Partner will also be able to invite selected manufacturing customers to attend as its guests.

Jones continued:

> *"Cutting-tool specialists have trusted relationships with manufacturers and are involved in machining conversations every day. Giving their teams access to leading workholding knowledge will help create better-informed discussions about the complete process.*
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> *"At the same time, the Industry Partner Guest Pass programme allows Industry Partners to offer their customers something of genuine technical value. Their teams become better informed, their customers gain access to international expertise and the wider manufacturing community benefits from stronger application knowledge."*

Regional partnership with IDEAM Industry Cluster

NWSE is delivered in partnership with the IDEAM, the Irish Digital Engineering & Manufacturing Cluster, strengthening the event's links with manufacturers across Ireland's Midwest region.

Dr. David Downey, IDEAM Industry Cluster Manager said:

> *"This partnership brings together international workholding expertise and the strength of Ireland's Midwest manufacturing network. Together, we are building an event that speaks directly to the practical priorities of the local industry, giving regional manufacturers access to world-class specialist knowledge close to home.*
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> *IDEAM's regional network of manufacturers, combined with NWSE's international specialist reach, ensures the symposium is shaped around genuine local needs and creates lasting value for Ireland's wider manufacturing community."*

Precision Tooling & Machining Association

Leticia Bastos, Marketing & Cluster Development Manager said:

> *"Great to see initiatives like this bringing practical technical knowledge directly to Ireland's manufacturing community, Workholding plays such an important role in precision machining, productivity and process improvement, and at PTMA we're always happy to support opportunities that encourage knowledge sharing and collaboration across the sector.*
> *Looking forward to a great event in Shannon!"*

A concentrated day of technical education

The event programme is being developed around practical learning, including:

- Modern workholding methods for turning, milling, grinding and automation
- Improving component security, accuracy and repeatability
- Reducing setup time and increasing productive machine capacity
- Overcoming access, distortion and difficult-clamping challenges
- Application examples and lessons from international manufacturing projects
- The relationship between workholding, cutting tools, machine performance and process reliability

- Opportunities to discuss individual manufacturing challenges directly with specialists

The symposium is intended for manufacturing leaders, production and process engineers, machinists, programmers, technical managers and specialists responsible for improving machining performance.

An accompanying exhibition will allow delegates to see selected workholding technologies and continue detailed application discussions with the participating experts.

Registration

Registration is open now.

Early-booking delegate tickets will cost €175 until 30 September 2026, with the standard delegate price of €195 applying from 1 October 2026.

Approved Industry Partners will provide a separate private Guest Pass registration route for invited customers and participating members of their own teams. Attendance is limited to 100 delegates, and all Industry Partner places will be subject to availability.

Further programme details, speaker announcements and registration information will be published at **nationalworkholdingsymposium.ie**

Event information

Event	National Workholding Symposium & Exhibition
Date	Tuesday, 10 November 2026
Venue	Future Mobility Campus Shannon, County Clare, Ireland
Registration opens	1 September 2026
Website	nationalworkholdingsymposium.ie
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Notes to editors

The National Workholding Symposium & Exhibition is a focused, one-day technical event dedicated to improving manufacturing performance through better workholding knowledge and application.

The event brings international workholding specialists together with Ireland's manufacturing community to share practical expertise, application experience and solutions to workpiece-clamping challenges.

Confirmed workholding technology participants are Blue Photon, Hainbuch, Lehmann, Mate, Tecnologie FRB, Tepas Vacuum, Walmag and ZeroClamp.

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