

## PRESS RELEASE

### More Recruits for the FeRFA Apprenticeship schemes

The seven most recent candidates to join the FeRFA apprenticeship scheme continue with their training at the Preparation Group's training facilities in Lincoln.

There are three candidates on the Resin Flooring scheme – all from new FeRFA contractor TPS360 Ltd based in Caerphilly, who were joined by three candidates for the Surface Preparation scheme all from the Preparation Group.

The group are pictured below at the purpose-built training building (which includes fully-equipped class room facilities as well) with FeRFA trainer Terry Foxley - who guided them through the Health and Safety modules enabling them to obtain their CSCS cards.



Terry Foxley with candidates from the Preparation Group: Scott Poundall, Paul Howard and Darren Beedham; and from TPS360 Ltd: Lloyd Thomas, Daniel Wheller and Bruce Allen.

As well as the support we receive from FeRFA companies in providing facilities for the training, for the past two years FeRFA Apprentices have enjoyed the support of sponsorship from VI Distribution Limited, who are supplying all 17 of this year's apprentices with safety shoes and work-wear. Director Mark Clarke commented "we are delighted to support and encourage newcomers to our industry."

The apprenticeship scheme continues to be a popular with FeRFA contractor members as a proven method of obtaining first class training in resin flooring and surface preparation, which is delivered by industry experts and leads to an NVQ qualification. There is no upper age limit for candidates and as trainees work through the two year course they are given the opportunity to gain hands-on practical experience – for resin candidates this covers everything from preparation through coatings, self smoothing, screeds and coving and flowable screeds. For the Preparation candidates the course will cover shotblasting, planning, grinding, polishing and multi-stripping.

Grants, which cover the cost of the training, are available to members and details of the full programme and module syllabus can be downloaded from the website.

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*Picture Caption:*

*Candidates for the FeRFA Apprenticeship Scheme from the Preparation Group: Scott Poundall, Paul Howard and Darren Beedham; and from TPS360 Ltd: Lloyd Thomas, Daniel Wheller and Bruce Allen with trainer, Terry Foxley on the left.*

*Training session at FeRFA surface preparation contractor The Preparation Group, Lincoln.*

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Hi res version of the image available on request.

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