

PRESS RELEASE

FeRFA apprentices make smooth progress

The eight candidates on the programmes 5 and 6 of the in situ resin apprenticeship scheme continue to make good progress with their training. The latest module – on self smoothing screeds took place at Flowcrete’s new purpose built training facilities in Sandbach.



The course took place over two days and included both classroom and practical sessions. The apprentices were able to get hands-on experience in the installation of self smoothing systems and creating coving details under the expert guidance of FeRFA trainer, Terry Foxley.

Following the course, Terry said: “The facilities at Flowcrete were first class and gave the candidates the opportunity to practice their skills in a clean and well equipped environment. This

was an excellent two day session which allowed the apprentices to put their classroom knowledge into practice and learn from the experience.”

The support FeRFA receives from its member companies in running the schemes allows it to offer training at an affordable cost, which is matched by CITB grant funding.

There are two more modules to complete, on Screeds and Coving at Sika Ltd and Flowable Screeds at Instarmac, following which the apprentices will continue to gain experience through on site supervised training with their employers leading to an NVQ level 2 in In Situ Resin Flooring.





Candidates (pictured above) are:

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Practical training sessions at FeRFA manufacturer, Flowcrete Ltd in Sandbach.

Candidates for the FeRFA Apprenticeship Scheme from Alan McAlinden (IRL Group), Lloyd Thomas (TPS360) Terry Foxley, Paul Martin (Polydeck) Mark McCaffrey (Top Team) Mark Whitworth and Jason McAlinden (IRL), Bruce Allen and Daniel Wheller (TPS360)

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Notes on FeRFA's Apprenticeship Scheme

The next schemes on In Situ Resin and Surface Preparation will commence on 11 and 12 May 2011 at The Preparation Group in Lincoln.

There is no upper age limit for candidates and an apprenticeship is a proven path to obtain an NVQ level 2 and become a fully qualified operative. 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.

As well as the apprenticeship scheme, FeRFA also holds regular one-day upskilling courses on a range of topics – full details are listed on the training pages of the website.

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