

FeRFA Apprentices get hands on with pumped screeds

Last month FeRFA apprentices, groups 5 and 6, who are nearing the end of their formal training, were shown the necessary techniques for successfully laying a pumped screed.

Following classroom sessions with FeRFA Trainer, Terry Foxley, the group were taken through the process by Shane Jordan and Mark Nightingale of PFT Central, who demonstrated the correct setting up procedure of the M-tec mixing pump, preparation of the floor area, how to carry out flow tests and safe operation of the pump.

The two day course was held at the Tamworth premises of FeRFA Associate member Instarmac. The company has been a long-standing supporter of the FeRFA apprenticeship scheme, hosting apprenticeship modules and Upskilling days.



Terry Foxley, FeRFA Trainer, commented “We are grateful to Instarmac and PFT for making this such a successful final training session. With Instarmac’s excellent facilities and the expertise provided by PFT we were able to replicate site conditions and each candidate was able to gain hands on experience of handling pumped screeds.”

The two day session brought very positive feedback from the attendees who all found the experience enjoyable and have gained additional skills to use in their work.

The apprentices now have one more training session – on Screeds and Coving and will then continue with their on-site assessment through further training under supervision with own companies. Successful candidates will be awarded a full NVQ Diploma Level 2 in In Situ Resin Flooring and obtain the CSCS Blue Skilled Card as well as the FeRFA ID badge and certificate. The apprentices (shown above) are from member contractors: IRL Group Ltd, Polydeck Resins Ltd, Top Team Ltd and TPS360 Ltd. The support these companies gives to the apprentices is crucial to the success of the scheme and will provide them with a fully-qualified workforce for the future.

FerFA now offers two apprenticeship schemes, Resin Flooring and Surface Preparation, both demonstrating FerFA's commitment to raising quality standards within the resin flooring industry.

We are also grateful for the support of VI Distribution, who kindly supplied all the PPE equipment to the FerFA apprentices.

Details, including the full scheme programme for both courses, are available from the training section of the website. <http://www.ferfa.org.uk/html/training.htm>

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