

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Another two FeRFA apprenticeship schemes get under way**

Two new FeRFA apprenticeship schemes started last month – the seventh scheme for In Situ Resins and the fifth in Surface Preparation. Nine candidates are enrolled for the two-year scheme which leads to the NVQ level 2 diploma.

Despite difficult trading conditions, FeRFA members are continuing to invest in the future by taking on apprentices to train within the industry. Training is seen as being vital to growth and our employers are showing a great commitment with over 90% of FeRFA contractors with NVQ Level 2 qualifications in In Situ Resin Flooring and/or Surface Preparation, and NVQ Level 3 Occupational Supervisory Management

The candidates are pictured below at the premises of The Preparation Group in Lincoln, where the two days of classroom sessions were held. As the candidates progress they will undertake more practical work under the supervision of FeRFA's experienced trainer, Terry Foxley.

Future modules give the trainees 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 there are two routes to funding for apprentices, dependent on previous qualifications. Details of the full programme can be downloaded from the website.

In addition to the apprenticeship scheme FeRFA will be running further Upskilling days later in the year and details will be posted to the website at <http://www.ferfa.org.uk/html/training.htm>.

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Caption:

Terry Foxley with left to right: Anthony M L Priestley, Prep Group; Craig Lawrence Hussey and Ben Warne, Ryebrook Resins; John Anthony Foster, Reprotect; Lee Campbell, Zircon; John Paul Clarey, Reprotect; Keelan Draper and Lee Couzens, Zircon and Hayden James, Top Team.

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Hi res version of the image available on request.

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