

## **FeRFA upskilling courses a hit with members**

FeRFA held the second of its popular one-day upskilling courses last week - on decorative quartz and stone systems. The day included both theory and practical sessions where delegates gain experience in mixing, laying and sealing decorative resin systems, (including coving, transition and gulley details).

This was the first in a series of one-day courses that FeRFA will run throughout the year at venues around the country covering: Self smoothing, static dissipative and slip resistant systems; Flowable polymer modified screeds and Finishing skills (grinding & polishing)

Terry Foxley, FeRFA's Trainer, commented, *"These one day courses offer employees the opportunity to broaden their skills base and keep up to date with changes in both products and techniques. For the employer they improve the scope of work they can offer, and provide a means of achieving an industry-trained and competent workforce. Using our members facilities we can replicate site conditions and, by limiting the numbers on the course, everyone has a good opportunity to gain hands on experience of laying the product."*



*one that we fully endorse and it can only benefit the whole industry."*

The first course was held at Altro Floors in Dorset (with employees from Oasis Environments, NIFL Resin Flooring and Page Industrial Coatings) and the latest was at Resin Surfaces Ltd, Stockport. (Pictured right are attendees from 4m Flooring, Quattro and John Lord.) Ivy Wroe, the MD of RSL said: *"We are delighted to support FeRFA with these courses by providing the premises and materials. The goal of qualifying the resin flooring workforce is*

Dates for future courses will be announced on the training pages of the FeRFA website at [www.ferfa.org.uk](http://www.ferfa.org.uk) - where you will also find details on the two apprenticeship schemes, (Resin Flooring and Surface Preparation) and information on qualifying the workforce to NVQ levels, 2, 3 and 4.