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FeRFA E-Newsletter



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 2019/20

Please note that the FeRFA office will be closed from 17:00 on Friday 20th December and will re-open at 9:00 on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

We wish all members a Merry Christmas and prosperous 2020!



TRAINING NEWS



FeRFA are currently accepting applications for the **Resin Flooring** and **Surface Preparation apprenticeship** courses.

The courses run for 18 months covering a mix of formal off-site instruction alongside supervised on-the-job training at employer level with a final assessment by a CITB approved assessor.

All courses lead to an **NVQ Level 2 qualification** and the blue **CSCS Skilled Worker card**.

Substantial grant funding is available for eligible CITB levy payers. Spaces are **limited** so don't delay. Contact the [FeRFA office](#) for further information.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Resin Group 23 Module 11

Resin group 23 completed Module 11 - Coatings during December, led by FeRFA trainer Jack Longden. The venue and materials were kindly supplied by Sika Ltd. The training consisted of covering the different FeRFA types, chemistries available and slip resistance. The second day covered project planning, joint & cove detail, inspection & testing and waste disposal as well as giving the apprentices hands-on experience of mixing and applying materials.

The group will now take Module 12 - Self-smoothing on 22nd-23rd January 2020.

Apprentices in group 23 are Connor (Flowstone Industrial Flooring Ltd), Harry (Central Flooring Services), Adrian (IRL Group) and Timothy and Michael (TPS360 Ltd).

Resin Group 24 Modules 4-5

Apprentices from Resin group 24 spent two days at Smart Marketing Works this month. They were studying module 4, Introduction to In Situ Resin Flooring and module 5, Work practice & project planning. Classroom theory consisted of key factors including FeRFA types, product selection, mixing techniques, selecting PPE, inspection & testing and much more.

The group will now study modules 6 - 9 commencing 14th - 16th January 2020.

Apprentices In this group are Blake (Veitchi Flooring), Matthew (Brittania Industrial Flooring Ltd), Stephen (Reprotec UK Ltd), Corey (Respol Ltd), Jake (TopTeam UK Ltd) and Carl and Joshua (TPS360 Ltd).

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

This month, FeRFA are highlighting three more of our Associate members. Associate members are companies who are involved indirectly with the manufacture, application and maintenance of resin flooring such as Surface Preparation Plant Suppliers, Chemical Suppliers to Manufacturer members, floor cleaning machinery suppliers, test houses etc.



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MEMBER BENEFITS

Contract Flooring Journal



FeRFA members benefit from a **FREE** subscription to Contract Flooring Journal (CFJ) magazine. Please email your contact details to [FeRFA](#) or [CFJ](#), along with your FeRFA membership number to register. To find out more about Contract Flooring Journal please follow this [link](#).

COBRA Bespoke Insurance Service



Cobra Insurance Brokers have partnered with FeRFA for over 10 years, gaining specialist knowledge and an understanding of the protection needed for the resin flooring industry. The website, designed specifically to support FeRFA members and their business activity, is now available at www.ferfainsurance.co.uk. The website covers all aspects of insurance, risk management and guarantees, as well as a client login portal where you can view your policy documents. FeRFA members can also request free access to a vast library of resource material.

Cobra offer a free insurance health check plus no obligation quotes. Howard Collins can be reached on 07775 888933 or emailed at howard.collins@cobrainurance.co.uk or visit the [website](#).

FeRFA and COBRA are excited to offer a facility which gives all your resin floor protection with an **INSURANCE BACKED WARRANTY**. The scheme has been set up so that **all your customers** benefit from the **security** of an **Insurance backed warranty** once you are signed up. You pay an upfront premium based on your annual turnover and then simply register each resin contract online when completed. [Read more](#).

H&S Advice and Business Shield from Stallard Kane Associates



Stallard Kane Associates Ltd provide a support service to SMEs for both Health & Safety and Employment Law. FeRFA members can access its services for free via the Business Shield. All FeRFA members have **FREE** access to the Business Shield service giving you:

- **FREE** access to the FeRFA Business Shield online portal
- **FREE** and unlimited use of the 24hr hotline
- **FREE** one hour review of your daily activity and associated risks
- **FREE** one hour review of your existing employment contracts.

The dedicated FeRFA Business Shield Account Manager is Barry Nicol, please call him on 07854 938693 for more details. Read more about Stallard Kane [here](#).



FeRFA Recycling Scheme - are you taking part?

FeRFA partner **Reconomy** can assist you to reduce your total waste management costs, increase your landfill diversion, ensure compliance, under current Environmental Agency legislation, maintain consistency and best practice across all sites and back-office functions. Contact 0800 834 133/01952 211790.

If you are not already submitting your recycling data to FeRFA please start doing this now to qualify for the recycling logo within your FeRFA website entry.

It is easy to do using the datasheet (if not using Reconomy) - only two figures are needed per month - total weight collected and total weight recycled or recovered. This is information that should be provided by your waste collector. If it isn't then ask them why not. The spreadsheet includes a graph, automatically generated from your figures - which you can show to prospective clients

More details on the recycling initiative are [here](#). You can also read Reconomy's brochure [here](#).

CASE STUDIES

Sikafloor Solution System makes a seamless, durable show of new TV studio floor



Sika supplied the super-flat, seamless waterproof flooring for a TV news studio that broadcasts to an audience of millions around the globe [read more](#)



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MEMBER NEWS



The Resin Mill makes top 100 list for the fastest growing companies in the UK



FerFA member and specialist resin bound supplier, The Resin Mill, has been ranked 56th in The Sunday Times Virgin Atlantic Fast Track 100, a league table that ranks Britain's 100 private companies with the fastest-growing sales over their last three years. The league table is compiled by Fast Track and published in The Sunday Times each December, with an awards ceremony at the Branson family home in May next year. [read more](#)



John Holmes wins FerFA Award



John Holmes, MD of Reprotec Group, has won the prestigious award for 'Outstanding Contribution' to FerFA, the national body representing the Resin Flooring sector. [read more](#)



Sika Flooring Solution lays foundation for success at this year's FerFA Awards



Sika, in collaboration with Zircon Flooring, achieved a 'Highly Commended' status in the Large Commercial Project of the Year category at this year's FeRFA resin flooring association awards. The triumph commemorated the companies' joint delivery of a super-flat, seamless floor refurbishment at ITV's Leeds-based studio where the popular soap Emmerdale is filmed. [read more](#)

OTHER NEWS



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The CITB are offering **funding** of up to £10,000 to assist micro and small construction companies to develop a stronger skills base. Specifically, it provides an extra incentive for you to access CITB grant eligible training. This can be used for short duration courses that last between 3 hours and 29 days and qualifications such as the FeRFA NVQ Level 2 diplomas in In-situ Resin Flooring, Surface Preparation and Screeding.

Funding to Support Training - Including NVQs

You can apply for funding if you are a CITB-registered employer with up to 99 directly employed staff on the payroll. Employers can apply for funding once every 12 months. Simply complete the application form which can be downloaded [here](#).

If you need further details please contact
Dave Rowlands CITB Advisor
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Fairness, Inclusion and Respect

Delivered by **CECA**, in partnership with the Supply Chain Sustainability School (SCSS), the **Fairness, Inclusion & Respect (FIR) Programme** provides free online and

face to face training in equality, diversity, inclusion and anti-discrimination and aims to create a more inclusive built environment sector. The six e-learning modules and six Toolbox talks are available free of charge via the [FIR Toolkit](#).

SCSS is also seeking applicants to join the FIR Steering Group. Further information is available via their [website](#).



Brexit Deadline

The UK is due to leave the EU on 31 January 2020, giving businesses additional time to prepare for Brexit. To help your members identify what actions they need to take, Build UK now has a dedicated website, [Are You Ready for Brexit?](#), which includes a new contractual guidance note, [Are your Contracts Brexit Ready?](#).

[Click here for more news from Build UK](#)

MEETINGS

Apprentice Scheme Dates 2019

Resin 23	Mod 12: January 22-23 Resdev, Elland
Resin 24	Mod 6-9: January 14-16 @ DSA, Nottingham

FeRFA Meetings & Events

Technical Meeting : 4th March 2020 @ SMW, Stone
Council Meeting : 11th March 2020 @ Ibis Hotel, Rugby East

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