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# FeRFA E-Newsletter



**We wish all members a Happy  
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 12

Resin group 23 completed Module 12 - Self-smoothing during January, led by FeRFA trainer Jack Longden. The venue and materials were kindly supplied by Resdev Ltd.

Classroom theory was combined with practical workshops to demonstrate the applications, key factors, testing and control methods and much more.

The group will now take Module 13 at Resdev, commencing 3rd March 2020.



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



### Resin Group 24 Modules 6-9

Apprentices from Resin group 24 spent three days at DSA, Nottingham this month. They completed Module 6-9, which included First Aid Appointed Person, Asbestos Awareness, Forming Saw Cuts, Abrasive wheels and Manual Handling.

The group will now study module 10 at The Preparation Group, commencing 17th March 2020.



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



Dural (UK) Ltd is a German owned company established in the UK in 1992, offering high quality products and service levels, and marketing support such as catalogues



Long Rake Spar have gained national status as a leading UK supplier of specialist dried aggregates for commercial surfacing. Their comprehensive



NCC is a leading distributor of specialist flooring and chemical products for the construction and building industry. Working with major international manufacturers,

and samples. Providers of accessories and profiles for increasing the longevity of resin installations, from various capping profiles to preformed Speckled Movement Joints which can be completely colour matched to your projects.

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**Grantex** selection of dried aggregate granules are available in a wide range of colours and sizes, specifically produced for use in resin bound and bonded surfacing systems.

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Click [here](#) for more info.

NCC offers a wide range of resin flooring products, concrete repair, sealants, masonry products and waterproofing systems. NCC has now been established at its head office in Chorley for more than 30 years.

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Click [here](#) for more info.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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

### Factory Floor in Lincolnshire for Parts Manufacturer



Factory flooring is one of the main installation services which we provide. Due to how busy a factory can be, the flooring needs to be hard-wearing against day to day use. It may also require anti-slip properties, chemical resistance or safety line marking. [read more](#)



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## MEMBER NEWS



**The Preparation Group**

## Launch of the Worst Subfloor Awards



As surface preparation contractors, The Preparation Group thinks it has seen it all, but is inviting Flooring Contractors, Installers and Material Manufacturers to submit the worst subfloors they come across and how they turned them around. Says Lesley Collins, BDM; 'We have launched the UK's first Worst Subfloor Awards to showcase the best examples of what can be achieved, when all looks initially dire! You know the projects. The ones where you hang your head and think, what on earth do I do now? [read more](#)



## GRINDING & POLISHING TECHNIQUES

2 day course

**Tuesday 10th March 2020 - 10am-4pm &  
Wednesday 11th March 2020 - 10am-4pm**

**£475.00 + VAT per person**

In collaboration with



Member Rate



**£400.00 + VAT per person**

Please contact [training@ppcgroup.co.uk](mailto:training@ppcgroup.co.uk)

Includes a light lunch & refreshments  
Location The Training Hub LN2 4JB



**Sherwin-Williams - Keeping it clean**



## Go back to basics for best resin flooring performance

By Jeremy Waterhouse, Flooring Product Manager, [Sherwin-Williams](#)

Developments in flooring are progressing at a rapid pace, now delivering anti-microbial benefits which dramatically reduce the risk of bacterial surface growth. However, in the food and beverage industry this should be taken as an additional benefit and not as a substitute for good practices, including a regular cleaning regime. This article provides a thorough assessment of what these good practices should be. [read more](#)



## SIKA 'NEXT LEVEL' HYBRID SCREED IN LINE FOR REVERED INDUSTRY AWARD



The low-stress compound, which is ready for vinyl application in just 48-hours, is among finalists in this year's Tomorrow's Contract Floors Awards. The contest celebrates the most innovative products and services in the flooring industry. Sika Schönox HS 50 has been shortlisted, with the winner being decided by an online vote which opens in January.

[read more](#)

## OTHER NEWS



The leading UK coatings exhibition dedicated to paints, inks, adhesives, corrosion protection and construction chemical industries [www.surfex.co.uk](http://www.surfex.co.uk)



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 at [david.rowlands@citb.co.uk](mailto:david.rowlands@citb.co.uk) or 07887 984 897.



We've opened registrations early to give you an opportunity to express your interest and priorities

now in our Employer Roadshows this March, April and May. This is your chance to tell us what matters most to your business and how CITB can support your skills needs. When you sign up, you can pick which topic is most important to you, give us your comments and ask questions.  
[Register today](#)

### **The agenda made for you**

We've listened to all of the feedback following our autumn roadshows, and we're using your comments to shape our spring events programme. They will be more tailored to your specific needs and give you solutions that will make a difference to your business. You told us you wanted more time to speak to CITB representatives and other employers in your area. You also told us you wanted more open discussion time so you really feel listened to. With that in mind, you can expect to see more time for networking, discussion and problem-solving, as well as a variety of sessions to pick from.

Registering your interest now allows you to have your say and indicate which location you would like to attend. We will email you early February to confirm your attendance at a specific location that suits you.

**To express your interest in attending an Employer Roadshow and help shape the agenda, [click here](#). We can't wait to welcome you.**



## **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 - Nearly There?

With a new Conservative majority Government following December's General Election, the Withdrawal Agreement Bill has now been passed and we will leave the EU on Friday 31 January. Members are advised to ensure they are as prepared as possible by using the checklists on Build UK's dedicated website, [Are You Ready for Brexit?](#), which includes a guidance note, [Are your Contracts Brexit Ready?](#).

[Click here for more news](#)



**Time running out to enter 2020 CFJ/CFA Awards!**



FRIDAY 31 January, the last chance to enter the 2020 CFJ/CFA Awards, is fast approaching. Already more than 300 out of a potential 500 seats have been sold for the event to be held on Friday 19 June at Coombe Abbey, Warwickshire.

[Click here for more info](#)

## MEETINGS & EVENTS



# GOLF DAY

📍 Erewash Valley Golf Club  
Ilkeston, DE7 4QR

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

💷 £180 per team of 4

Email Tom Dossett to book your places:  
**[TomDossett@remmers.co.uk](mailto:TomDossett@remmers.co.uk)**

## Apprentice Scheme Dates 2020

Resin 23	Mod 13: March 3-5 @ Resdev, Elland
Resin 24	Mod 10: March 17-18 @ The Preparation Group, Lincoln

## FeRFA Meetings & Events

Technical Meeting : 4th March 2020 @ SMW, Stone

Council Meeting : 11th March 2020 @ Ibis Hotel, Rugby East

Technical Meeting : 10th June 2020 @ SMW, Stone

Council Meeting : 24th June 2020 @ SMW, Stone

Technical Meeting : 2nd September 2020 @ SMW, Stone

Council Meeting : 30th September 2020 @ SMW, Stone

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