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PASMA Tower Week

PASMA has announced that its annual UK Tower Safety Week will run from November 2nd to the 6th.

Throughout the week, PASMA members will host a series of events and activities across the country designed to showcase the safety features, versatility and productivity of mobile access towers. The campaign will also highlight the need to only use towers that comply fully with EN 1004 - the European standard that specifies the minimum safety requirements and design criteria for mobile access towers. It will also focus on PAS 250, the PASMA sponsored publicly available specification for low level access equipment such as podiums and pulpits, which is set to become the

industry standard in 2016. Head of operations, communication and innovation Maarten De Vries, said: "Not only does National Tower Week promote towers, share knowledge and stimulate best practice, it creates a focus for ideas, the exchange of information and the development of height safety in general. This year's Tower Week will be the most innovative and informative event ever, with a number of new and exciting features included. It will deliver practical knowledge and advice, and have something for anyone involved - either directly or indirectly - with working at height."

Marketing appointment

The association has appointed Gary Chudleigh as its new marketing & communications officer, reporting to head of operations, communication and innovation, Maarten de Vries.



Gary Chudleigh

He joins the team from Glasgow-based renewable energy and electrical contracting company Campbell & Kennedy, where he was employed as a marketing executive since 2012. Chudleigh is a graduate of Glasgow Caledonian University with a degree in media communications and also holds a

CSCS card in health and safety. Talking of the new appointment de Vries said: "Gary's experience and expertise will prove invaluable to the association. His creative skills and knowledge of social media will be particularly beneficial as we seek to strengthen communication, not only with members, but with the wider work at height community. And not just here in the UK, but increasingly overseas as the association continues its international expansion."

Chudleigh added: "As someone committed to health and safety I very much look forward to helping PASMA advance its height safety agenda. There is nothing more important than keeping people safe in the workplace."

Ringling the changes

As reported at the Annual Members' Meeting (AMM), member services supervisor, Karen O'Neill, has now taken over responsibility for managing the training scheme audit and the



Karen O'Neill



Christine Williamson

instructor training scheme from Stuart Hopkins, in advance of his retirement next year. Christine Williamson is now also responsible for membership recruitment, retention and international support, as well as continuing with her accounts support role.

Towers on Stairs

As its name implies, Towers on Stairs is a one-day PASMA training course for those who may need to set up and use towers on staircases.

Comprising both theory and practical training, the course covers current legislation, regulations and guidance affecting working at height with towers, the PASMA code of practice and product standards EN 1004:2004 and BS 1139 Part 6. It also involves training in assembling, altering and dismantling towers, the inspection of completed access towers and the formal recording of those inspections, as well as the particular hazards affecting the use of towers on stairs.

Each delegate receives a course content/notes booklet, together with a current PASMA code of practice. Delegates must already hold a current Towers for Users PhotoCard and have a good working knowledge of working at height before taking this course.



PASMA is offering a one-day training course for personnel using towers on stairs

New IT officer

PASMA has appointed Michael Burns as its new IT support officer, who joins the organisation from IT specialists TEKsystems, where he was employed as a support analyst. Burns said: "I very much look forward to working with my colleagues in Glasgow and, of course, ensuring that members receive the highest levels of service and support."



Michael Burns



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