



CPD IS LIVE: TWO DAY MANDATORY CPD COURSES PRIOR TO RENEWAL OF SCAFFOLDING CARDS

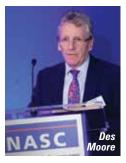
"HSE welcomes the introduction of this into the CISRS scheme... it will have a positive effect, particularly for those who may not have received any formal training for years." Ray Cooke, Head of Construction Sector Safety Unit, HSE

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NASC AGM

Around 160 delegates attended the NASC AGM at the Intercontinental hotel, London in late November and saw the election of a new president Des Moore - chief executive of Trad Group - who succeeds Alan Lilley of Commercial Scaffolding.



In his acceptance speech Moore thanked Lilley for two years of service, noting his particular

contribution to expanding the Small and Medium Enterprise membership and mentoring smaller organisations to achieve compliance with NASC criteria.

Moore listed four key objectives of his presidency:

- 1. Increase the insistence on NASC membership by main contractors, developers as well as national and local government agencies in tender documents.
- 2. Strike the right balance between the needs of both large and small companies.
- 3. Create mentoring and training schemes for all categories of staff old and young, academically gifted and those not so lucky.
- 4. Encourage and mentor more women into senior positions both in the NASC and across the industry in general.

He also stressed the importance of encouraging more young people to enter the industry and represent their companies on NASC committees, noting that greater diversity brought with it new ideas, knowledge and fresh perspectives. Also mentioned was the ongoing 'Mind Matters' campaign, noting that mental health in the construction industry could not be ignored, not least because it accounted for a third of the industry's lost days. He spoke of how he had suffered a full breakdown earlier in his career and how he was indebted to his wife for the support she had given him. He said he had learned valuable lessons from the experience and urged everyone in the industry to assist in whatever way they could to raise awareness of mental health issues.

2017 Apprentice of the Year award

The NASC 2017 Apprentice of the Year Awards, co-sponsored by CISRS along with the Construction Industry Training Board, were presented at the NASC annual ball following the AGM. A shortlist of eight was given to the judge, Paul Gaze who found it too difficult to choose only two



apprentices adding a 'Highly Commended' category.

The winner was Aidan Waldron of Connect Scaffolding of Bishops Stortford. He and his employers were presented with a trophy, certificate and ± 500 each.

Gaze said: "Aidan's supervisors and clients have provided a great deal of

positive feedback on him. He continually asked pertinent and sensible questions, demonstrating his awareness of carrying out the task in a safe and controlled manner with suitable regard for others that could be affected by his, or his team's actions."

The Runner Up Award went to Tiger Fredrick Hughes of Tamworth Scaffolding. He and his employer received a trophy, certificate and £250 each. Finally, the Highly Commended Award went to Claudia Ferguson of Interlink Scaffold of Birtley, Tyne and Wear.







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NASC project of the Year

The NASC 2017 Scaffolding **Project of the Year Award was** won by Interlink Scaffolding for its work on the New Wear Crossing in Sunderland, where it installed multiple scaffolds on the central support tower prior to it being erected. There were 12 entries in all, with just three points separating the first three. In the view of the judges, Interlink's 'Interface with the client' was one of the key criteria in its success, they were also impressed by the degree of offsite preparation prior to erection of the bridge structure, complete with scaffolding.



Interlink won the Project of the year Award



Third CISRS OSTS centre to open in Oman

A new Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) Overseas Scaffolder Training Scheme (OSTS) centre in the Rosayl region of Oman will open in the new year, following a successful preaccreditation visit by scheme manager Dave Mosley.

The venture is the second partnership in the region for Safety and Access, complementing its facility in Nizwa. The new centre will be operated



in collaboration with local company Knowledge Grid, which already offers a wide range of Health & Safety and practical training qualifications.

Mark Luddington, access and lifting manager of Knowledge Grid in Oman said: "Knowledge Grid is dedicated to reducing injuries, accidents and environmental impact and compliance with regulations. Our partnership with Safety and Access and CISRS OSTS will help achieve these aims within the scaffolding sector."



NASC

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Established in the 1960s, CISRS is the industry scaffold training scheme with 60,000+ UK card holders & 4,500+ Overseas. www.cisrs.org.uk

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