



### 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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# Scaffold introduction Chan NASC/CISES for teenagers

More than 300 teenagers were given a hands-on introduction to scaffolding at the Give Construction a Try event, with pupils from 25 schools across West Yorkshire descending on the South Leeds Stadium for a careers day with a difference. More than 30 exhibitors gave the pupils the chance to get to grips with a wide range of construction industry professions.

CISRS approved training provider Generation Altrad and NASC member Complete Access Scaffolding represented the scaffolding industry - with the former using K'Nex models to let the young delegates build model scaffolds, and the latter letting the teenagers try their hand with the real thing on a pre-erected scaffold tower outside the main exhibition hall.

CISRS scheme manager Dave Mosley said: "It was great to see so many youngsters get involved with scaffolding at this event. Days like this are vital in promoting the various opportunities that are available to young people within the UK industry. Unless they have Pupils installing tube and fitting with Complete Access Scaffolding

friends or relatives working within scaffolding, it can be over looked as a career choice. We want to highlight the fantastic opportunities it can offer not only as a qualified tradesman, but also through roles in site supervision, health and safety, scaffold inspection, design, estimating, training and ultimately management."



## Inaugural NASC breakfast meeting

Representatives from more than 30 principal contractors attended the NASC's inaugural Future of Safe Scaffolding breakfast briefing. The event provided delegates with a greater understanding of the NASC, its makeup, objectives and processes, and the various benefits gained through greater collaboration between specifiers and NASC full contractor members.

The London/SE region event was chaired by Lee Rowswell, NASC London/ SE Regional chairman, who opened the briefing and introduced speakers Des Moore of the TRAD Group and NASC president, Robin James, NASC managing director, Bob Whincap, former chairman of the Access and Scaffolding Industry Training Organisation, and motivational safety speaker Dylan Skelhorn. The presentations were followed by a Q&A session, during which delegates asked the panel a number of questions, including training, the

NASC member audit procedure and on-site safety.

Attendees also shared their procurement objectives and challenges and recounted their first hand experiences of utilising the services of NASC and non-NASC members, and the differences between them.



# Product guidance documents

The NASC Hire, Sales & Manufacturing Committee is currently developing a suite of product guidance documents, which will give scaffolding contractors key advice regarding product specification. It will include detailed sections on system scaffolds, EN39 tube, EN74-1 couplers, BS2482 timber board, aluminium beams and high tensile 3.2mm tube and will list the basic compliance requirements for each product group. The guidance documents are also designed to assist NASC auditors when auditing contracting member companies. Publication is anticipated later this month.

## **New NASC Supplier Members**

NASC has approved two new full non-contracting members, PSB Sales, of Newton Abbot, Devon, and Wolverhampton based PcP Gratings. They will now complete an audit covering Quality Systems & Procedures, Product Testing, Raw Material & Components and Process Control in respect of scaffolding products covered by the NASC Code of Practice.



PcP Gratings manufactures and supplies gratings, scaffold tube and boards as well as sundry components and accessories. Director Peter

Webster said: "We understand the importance of the NASC to the industry, it is a true industry trade body with a rigorous audit process, and high standards for entry and membership retention. We are proud to have been accepted as a full non contracting member and look forward to fully participating with and

supporting all existing and future members of the NASC."

PSB Sales offers new and used conventional and system scaffolding, building products and accessories throughout South West England and further afield. Group business manager Daniel Steele said: "The NASC has been setting the benchmark for product testing which will offer our customers peace of mind. We wished to join to provide our customers assurance that our equipment and service is of the highest quality. We are delighted to become members and look forward to developing and growing with them."

Sean Pike, chairman of the NASC Hire, Sales and Manufacturing Committee and managing director of Layher UK, added: "We are delighted that both

PSB Sales and PcP Gratings have recognised the benefits of attaining NASC membership. Through meeting the membership criteria, both companies have demonstrated to their customers that they are committed to delivering the highest standards in both product and service."



#### NASC

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