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Haulotte's first Hackathon

Haulotte teamed up with IBM France to host its first Hackathon event with 40 student developers, coders and designers from engineering schools in Lyon and Saint-Etienne competing against each other to create an innovative digital initiative.

The students were introduced to the company's products and services prior to the event, before being split into six teams and tasked with working on a digital initiative that either promoted services, rental and sales, boosted or improved user/machine interaction or made Haulotte's products safer. They were given 48 hours to collaborate and create before making a presentation to the judging panel, made up of members of Haulotte's executive team, IMB and rental group Loxam. The winning team had created an instructive and intuitive interface to help operators understand the features and functions of a machine prior to use.



40 students took part in Haulotte's first ever Hackathon

Hey...you OK?

The UK's largest platform rental company Nationwide Platforms has provided a number of training courses aimed at reducing the stigma surrounding mental health, as part of the company's 'Hey...you OK?' initiative.

The training was provided to its management teams as well as 40 volunteer mental health first aiders to help them and their colleagues to identify, understand and talk about mental health. It also provided a range of advice, guidance and support on mental health to all 1,140 employees.

One in four adults in the UK are diagnosed with a mental health disorder in their life, with two people in the construction and engineering sectors committing suicide every day.



To support the launch of its Hey... you OK? initiative, members of Nationwide Platforms pledged to support mental health.

Two metre fall costs £43,000

UK construction company Greens Property Developments was fined £18,000 plus costs of £25,100.41 after a man fell from a platform in August 2018, knocking him unconscious and leaving him with a broken wrist. The incident occurred at Old Eldon Farm, Shildon when the man fell 2.2 metres to the floor below while fitting rafters to a roof at the Farm.

The Health and Safety Executive found that the company had failed to ensure that the work was carried out without risks to health and safety by failing to plan, manage and monitor work at height. HSE inspector, Andrew Woodhall, said: "Falls from height often result in life changing or fatal injuries. In most cases, these incidents are needless and could be prevented by properly planning, managing and monitoring the work to ensure that effective preventative and protective measures are in place. Companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those who fall below the required standards."



HTA has introduced two assured abnormal load escort training programmes for the heavy transport and crane sectors

Introducing City & Guilds Assured Abnormal Load Escort Training Programmes

Abnormal load escort training

The UK's Heavy Transport Association (HTA) has launched two City & Guilds assured abnormal load escort training programmes. Developed and improved from its previous escort training courses, the Abnormal Load Escort Driver Stage 2 and the Abnormal Load Escort Manager Stage 3 programmes have been tailored for escort and pilot car drivers in the heavy transport and crane sectors to prove competency, reduce risk, improve public safety and promote industry excellence.

Learning from a near miss

When a crane overturned in the yard of Scottish crane company Forsyth of Denny, it was caught on CCTV.

Thankfully non one was hurt in the incident, however the company's management reviewed the footage and realised that one or two of its employees could easily have lost their lives in the incident. Owner Cathal McNally decided to share the information so others might learn from it. You can see his letter on page 72 explaining in full what happened. The video footage can be viewed on www.vertikal.net.



Who trained him then?



Exiting the platform

Spotted by a reader watching a television programme, it involves a man using a boomlift who clammers out of the platform stepping onto the edge of the roof, with no harness to save him if he slips or the roof edge breaks away.