

ILLAPG LAUNCHES HOSASS

The Industry Lead Lifting AP Group (ILLAPG), administered by the Construction Plant hire Association (CPA), has launched the Hands Off, Step Away, Safe Space (HOSASS) campaign. The new initiative provides critical guidance for slinger/signallers, focusing on maintaining safety after attaching accessories to a load.

The campaign, borne from a fatality of a slinger/signaller, includes a video, detailed guidance documents, a slideshow presentation and posters, all of which are now available on the ILLAPG website. HOSASS has already been widely adopted by several Tier 1 and Tier 2 contractors in the UK, with industry feedback confirming its potential to significantly enhance lifting safety and awareness.

Guidance can be downloaded for free at www.illapg.com



READY FOR WORK CHECKS GUIDANCE

Ainscough Crane Hire and the Crane Interest Group (CIG) are developing new guidance on Ready for Work Checks, addressing incidents of incorrect crane rigging. The document emphasises thorough pre-lift checks and highlights responsibilities of Appointed Persons, crane operators, and lifting supervisors.

The guidance focuses on ensuring counterweights, outriggers, and rope reeving match planned configurations, while providing additional checks for components like hook blocks and lattice jib extensions to prevent misalignment or incorrect assembly. While still in development, the document will provide a practical framework to improve collaboration and reduce risk during lifting operations, aligning with BS7121 and LOLER standards.

Document Updates

The CPA is updating several critical guidance documents to enhance safety and operational efficiency:

- **TCIG TIN 036:** Following a serious incident caused by an undetected electrical fault, updates emphasise the use of Type 'B' RCDs in tower crane systems and underscores proper bonding and lightning protection, particularly in systems with variable frequency drives.
- **Railway Operations:** CPA1402 and CPA1801 are being merged to align with Network Rail's CIV0063 standard, providing consistent guidance for crane operations near railways. This update will address both legal and operational requirements with improved clarity.
- **Top Slew Tower Cranes:** Updated guidance includes enhanced daily and weekly inspection checklists and detailed advice on meeting statutory compliance requirements.
- **Mobile Crane Operations Version 2:** This incorporates new survey insights on fatigue management and operator hours to provide a more comprehensive framework for safe operations.
- **Wind and Lifting Operations:** The CPA's crane consultant is leading development of guidance addressing wind related challenges, including strategies for assessing wind sensitivity, improving load stability, and managing tagline use. A supporting Technical Information Note will provide concise recommendations.

All publications available at www.cpa.uk.net

STARS WINNERS VISIT BERLIN

Shannon Weiss, winner of the Best Personal Statement Award at Stars of the Future 2024, recently enjoyed her prize - a two day Berlin trip courtesy of Wolffkran. Weiss, a repair and rebuild Engineer at Finning UK's Chesterfield branch visited Wolffkran's Luckau factory accompanied by Dave Holder, Wolffkran's European operations director and the CPA's Tower Crane Interest Group chairman.

The visit began with a historic tour of Berlin, including the Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag Building. Weiss also experienced the city's Christmas markets before touring Wolffkran's spare parts distribution facility and main factory the following day.

Weiss said: "The whole experience was amazing.

We saw the complete manufacturing process, from steel preparation through to finishing. I even got to operate one of their yard cranes. The view from the top was simply amazing, you could see for miles."

Dave Holder added: "Shannon showed great interest in our facility. She's a very dedicated person with fantastic knowledge which shines through in her personality. Finning have a real star!"



STARS OF THE FUTURE 2025

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Stars of the Future Awards. Categories include Lifting Technician, Plant Installer, Plant Mechanics, and a new Technical Support Person of the Year award. Winners receive prizes ranging from iPads and tool kits to overseas trips and VIP experiences.

The nomination deadline is March 21st with the ceremony taking place at the Heart of England Conference and Events Centre in Fillongley, Coventry. Nomination forms can be downloaded at: www.cpa.uk.net/skills-training/stars-of-the-future

