

RRC International

Wednesday saw Tomorrow's Health and Safety call in on RRC International, the online course providers who came 3rd in this year's awards.

RRC provides a range of health, safety and environmental management courses to meet the needs of organisations seeking to improve their performance as well as individuals looking to achieve internationally recognised qualification or improve their skills and knowledge. RRC has successfully trained more than 60,000 people in 208 countries.

We briefly caught up with Managing Director Gary Fallaize. He said: "Being recognised for our online courses is a credit to our continual hard work. Our experience and expertise, gained over 90 years, allows us to provide our clients with internationally respected classroom, online and in-company training solutions that make a real difference to their HSE performance."

WHAT LIES AHEAD?

Speaking of the success of the exhibition, Event Director Chris Edwards commented: "The substantial increase in footfall we saw this year and the high-quality of visitors Safety & Health Expo attracts, really demonstrates how significant the event remains for the health and safety profession.

The stand-out feature of the show was the content. While the exhibitors were diverse and impressive, the real pull for many attendees was the opportunity to



learn, debate and discuss with fellow health and safety professionals. Yes, we could learn the majority of the content shared online without the inconvenience of having to leave our desk, but it's clear that we still want to continue meeting, networking and conversing with likeminded people and will do for years to come.

Next year, Safety & Health Expo will take place on 19-21 May 2020. The official line is that the date change, announced earlier this year, has been made so that the event will better reflect the industry calendar and give exhibitors and visitors a longer period of time in which to continue their conversations before the summer period.

Pictured: Editor Sarah Robinson presents RRC International's Michelle Whitney with their trophy.



SNICKERS WORKWEAR ADDS PROTECWORK TO COLLECTION

ProtecWork is a new collection of protective working clothes and accessories from Snickers Workwear, which has developed over 40 years in the industry - and through close consultation with users and employers in the railway and energy sectors around Europe.

The risk-protection properties of the clothing are integral components of the extensive range of base, mid and top-layer garments for men and women that combine well with the Snickers Workwear hallmarks of best-in-class durability, comfort, ergonomics and fit.

Fully accredited as appropriate to a variety of risk and weather conditions such as heat and flame, electrostatic, chemical and bad weather working environments, all the garments are manufactured from tailor-made fabrics designed to respond to the demands and risk factors of the conditions in which they're worn.

With over 60 different garments and accessories to choose from, you can make sure you get the right protection, visibility, flexibility, comfort and durability. Check out the new Snickers ProtecWork range to fit your workday and wellbeing on site.

www.snickersworkwear.co.uk

Call the Snickers Workwear Helpline on 01484 854788.



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RRC ADDS NEW IOSH CERTIFICATE TO TRAINING CATALOGUE

RRC a specialist UK-based health, safety and environmental management training provider, is now offering the new IOSH Managing Occupational Health & Wellbeing Certificate.

Health and wellbeing are high profile subjects right now, and form an integral part of occupational health and safety. Awareness of health and wellbeing within the workplace is imperative. The one-day course

provides practical advice and tools for managers to help create a healthy and productive place of work.

The benefits for organisations are improved health and wellbeing awareness across the organisation, and fewer hours lost due to ill-health and reduced presenteeism, resulting in greater productivity overall.

This course is suitable for managers and supervisors working in any sector and is available as an in-company course worldwide, with open classroom courses available soon at RRC's London venue.

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NASC ADOPTS DUAL APPROACH TO RAISING SAFETY STANDARDS

The National Access and Scaffolding Association (NASC) has a long and proud record of increasing safety standards in the scaffolding industry.

The confederation was established in 1945 with the aim of promoting high standards of safety within the industry. Nearly 80 years later, raising and maintaining safety standards remains at the heart of the NASC's objectives – driving every activity it undertakes.

The industry has inarguably changed – for the better – in that time. NASC members and non-members alike are using NASC safety guidance and operatives are undergoing formal CISRS training including a mandatory CPD requirement.

Over the decades, accident figures have fallen dramatically. This is largely thanks to the creation, dissemination and adoption of NASC safety guidance, including the iconic SG4 Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations.

It's clear that the NASC has played a huge role in making what was an unsafe industry safe. Now the NASC's focus has shifted to making a safe industry safer. The NASC has adopted a two-pronged approach to achieving this goal.

Through its experienced and active committees, made up of representatives from NASC member companies, the NASC continues to update and expand its library of safety, contractual and technical guidance, the vast majority of which is available for free through the NASC website.

This activity is vital in ensuring scaffolding contractors have access to relevant and fit-for-purpose guidance relating to a broad range of topics.



The NASC is complementing this ongoing task with a programme of reminder toolbox talks, which can be delivered by NASC members to their operatives and made available for free download via the NASC website.

These toolbox talks will serve as safety refreshers, ensuring that safe working practices remain at the front of operatives' minds when they're working on site and at height.

Talks will be created on a range of issues, such as the dangers of 'low risk' complacency, so often the cause of a 'slip and trip on the same level' – the most common cause of incident recorded in the NASC safety report for the last 14 years in a row. The NASC has also identified falls from height as a topic for a toolbox talk reminders.

It is hoped that by implementing this combined approach of top-level guidance and regular on-site reminders the NASC will be able to make the scaffolding industry safer still.

www.nasc.org.uk



NEBOSH TOP-UP CERTIFICATES

Having helped well over a million students achieve professional success, RRC is leading the way in health and safety training.

Achieving any of the NEBOSH Certificates is a huge success and can improve future career prospects.

However, a further benefit is that if students have been awarded the NEBOSH National or International General, Construction or Fire Certificate in the last five years they are exempt from Unit IGC1/NGC1, and can gain a further NEBOSH Certificate by simply 'topping-up' with completing the appropriate second unit.

All RRC NEBOSH General, Fire and Construction Certificate courses are unitised so can be topped up by classroom training or an online course. Having two or more NEBOSH Certificates helps individuals to stand out to employers and this additional specialised knowledge can improve career prospects.

Gary Fallaize, RRC Managing Director commented: "Certificate top-ups are great because they recognise the learning you have already achieved and allow you a quick route to gain that additional knowledge and NEBOSH Certificate, and in such a competitive employment market it is all about standing out."

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