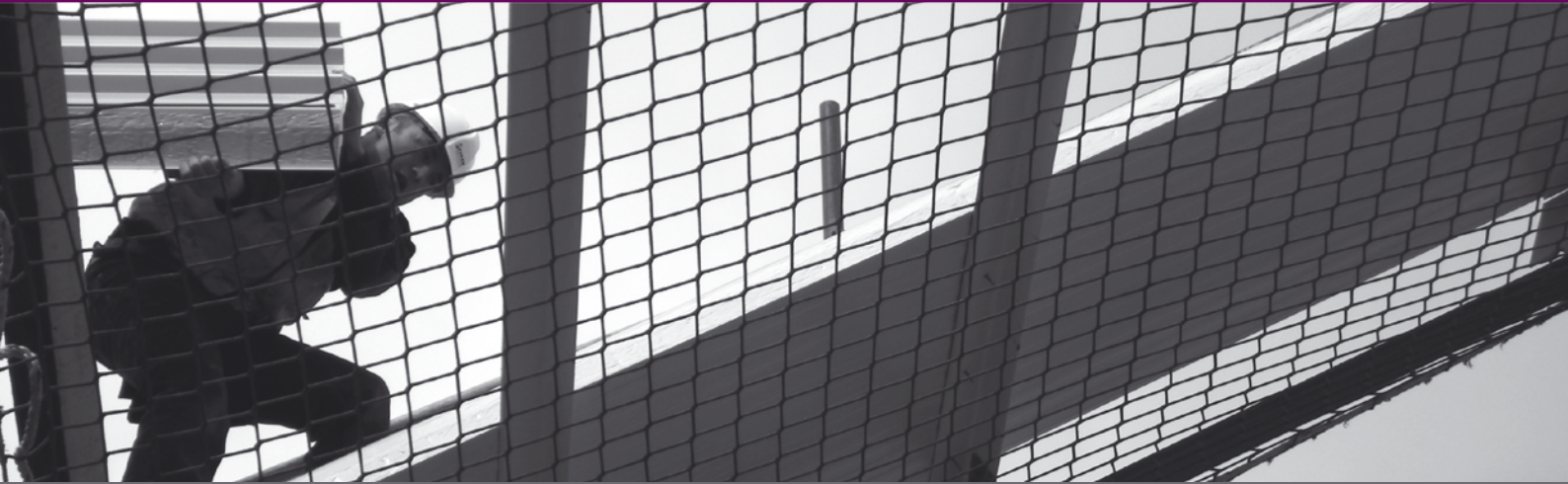


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W E L C O M E

Welcome to the second issue of the FASET eNewsletter. 2010 promises to be a significant year as we continue our drive to lift awareness and understanding of the role and achievements of the association.

If you have any comments or a contribution you would like to make to the next issue, please email tony.seddon@faset.org.uk



JOE JOINS THE TEAM

Having made his debut at the AGM last year, Joe Black, 24, has now officially joined the FASET secretariat and is providing wide-ranging support to company secretary, Tony Seddon. Originally from Morpeth in Northumberland, Joe graduated from Harper Adams University College in 2008 with a degree in engineering. He is delighted to be joining FASET at such an exciting stage in its development and looks forward to working with the association's members.

FASET IN THE NEWS

The association issued a 400-word news release to the trade and professional press entitled 'FASET publishes definitive standards for testing and repairing fall arrest safety nets'. It was picked up by a number of titles, including Construction News and Safety Health Practitioner (the magazine of IOSH).

In the release, Tony Seddon commented: "Safety netting is there to protect workers in the event of a fall from height. It is therefore essential that these nets, doing such an all-important job, be subject to exacting standards. Produced by FASET members who know and understand the industry, these are definitive standards for inspection and repair."

FASET IN CRANES & ACCESS

The first of an occasional page devoted to the work and role of FASET will appear in the next issue of Cranes & Access magazine. It introduces the association, talks about safety nets in general and promotes the latest standards covering inspection and repair.

FASET ON THE WEB

The existing website is currently under review and members can expect to see changes in the weeks and months ahead. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions to make. Email: joe.black@faset.org.uk



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FASET IN PRINT

A new FASET folder, with separate inserts, is currently in production and will be distributed to members for their own use by the end of March 2010. The inserts cover membership, the safety net rigger card and the different types of nets available and their application.

The folder covers the role and function of the association.

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Oliver Farrell, specialist training advisor at ConstructionSkills, writes:

"In the current economic climate, it is more important than ever to retain skilled, qualified staff to give you the competitive edge in order to win contracts. CITB-Construction Skills grants are available to support a wide range of training and qualifications, including developing training and development plans for your whole business. Examples include:

NVQ Achievement...

A £450 grant is paid for every 'safety net rigging' NVQ your staff obtain.

Company training and development plans...

Training and development plans allow companies who carry out their own training to claim grants. Developing a company training and development plan allows you to claim grants in many different disciplines that will benefit your business.

In addition to safety net training, you can also claim for training in other areas such as computer skills, administration and sustainability. For taking the time to compile a company training and development plan a grant of £450 is available. A further grant of £24 per six hours training is also available.

Short duration off-the-job training courses...

Grants are available for attending off-the-job training courses such as upskilling training courses provided by FASET approved training providers.

Technical, professional and management qualifications...

Grants are available for staff undertaking SSSTS and SMSTS courses, NVQ 4/5, B-TEC, degree qualifications and postgraduate diplomas.

Start thinking about your training needs for 2010 now. To claim ConstructionSkills grants you have to be registered for CITB-Construction Skills Levy and be 'in-scope' to the Industrial Training Act 1982).

FASET and its approved training centres can assist you in claiming ConstructionSkills grants. And remember, as a FASET member you get FREE access to a ConstructionSkills specialist training advisor. Email me, Oliver Farrell, at oliver.farrell@cskills.org

For more information you can also visit www.cskills.org/levy-grant/index.aspx

THE ITALIAN JOB

FASET member, Sheffield-based High Access Solutions Ltd, is currently providing teams of 16 operatives working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on the Italian equivalent of the Houses of Parliament in Lombardia, Milan.

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FASET AT IOSH 10

As part of the Access Industry Forum, FASET will be represented at the IOSH 10 Conference & Exhibition, 24 – 25 March, Scottish Exhibition Centre.

NEW AIF BROCHURE

The Access Industry Forum (AIF), the alliance for access, of which FASET is a member, is in the course of producing a 12-page brochure intended for use by member organisations and at AIF-sponsored events. It contains the following foreword by Geoffrey Podger, chief executive of the HSE:

“The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) welcomes and supports the work of the Access Industry Forum in encouraging the safe and proper use of work at height access equipment. Although there is a steady decline in the number of injuries caused by falls; falls from height remain the most common kind of workplace fatality. Safety when working at height is essential, and making sure that people use access equipment properly is a key part of this.”

As a member of the AIF, FASET is in good company. The other members are:

ATLAS: Association of Technical Lighting and Access Specialists

IPAF: International Powered Access Federation

IRATA: Industrial Rope Access Trade Association

LA: Ladder Association

NASC: National Access and Scaffolding Confederation

PASMA: Prefabricated Access Suppliers' and Manufacturers' Association

SAEMA: Specialist Access Engineering and Maintenance Association

WAHSA: Work at Height Safety Association



THE WAIT IS OVER

The HSE's Falls From Height Policy Team has introduced a toolkit of information and guidance for people who occasionally work at height and are unsure of the different types of access equipment that are available. Called WAIT (Work at height, Access equipment, Information, Tool) it is designed to help people understand the basic key issues when working at height and the factors to consider to ensure people know how to select the most appropriate and safest equipment for the task. However, WAIT does NOT give advice and guidance on specialised and more complex work at height – for example, working on fragile roofs and rope access techniques.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

We will shortly be adding to the list of membership benefits with the introduction of a FASET insurance scheme offering a number of distinct and exclusive advantages for association members. These include:

- Simple to read policy wording with no height restriction;
- Confirmation that insurers can accommodate all high risk locations on referral;
- Inclusion of professional indemnity to a £100,000 limit;
- Inclusion of financial loss.
- Automatic renewal regardless of claim

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SIGN UP TO THE HSE PLEDGE

As reported in the last issue of FASET news, the association has pledged its support to the HSE's 'Be part of the solution' strategy aimed at improving the health and safety of the UK. Why not consider signing up yourself, especially now that the HSE has launched 'The Pledge Forum'? More information at www.hse.gov.uk/strategy/pledge.htm

GOLF NETWORKING DAY

In order to promote FASET and to give members an opportunity of inviting key contacts and customers, the association has arranged a corporate golf day at The Belfry, the headquarters of the PGA and the PGA of Europe, as well as the spiritual home of the Ryder Cup. The date is Wednesday, 7 July and it includes:

- Bag drop facility;
- Tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches upon arrival;
- Driving range token and use of all the practice facilities;
- Course guide;
- 18 holes on the PGA National course;
- Longest drive and nearest the pin on course competitions;
- Three course dinner in a private suite.

More details will be circulated shortly in a separate bulletin, but anyone wishing to indicate their 'early bird' interest should contact Tony Seddon as soon as possible. tony.seddon@faset.org.uk



SAFETY NET WORKSHOP

The association is exploring the possibility of arranging a full or half-day safety net workshop in conjunction with one or more of the leading roofing associations. A programme is being developed now and more information will be available in the next newsletter.

FASET OVERSEAS

Recognised and respected as the definitive scheme in the UK, the safety net rigger training scheme is now available overseas. For countries within the EU, the training and assessment scheme is exactly the same as in the UK, but there are some subtle differences for countries participating beyond existing EU boundaries.

In addition, overseas membership is also open to any manufacturer, installer, supplier or trainer. Benefits are the same, but with slight differences in voting rights to safeguard the UK regulations. More information from Tony Seddon.

3 EDUCATION LTD DELIVERS RECOVERY COURSE

3 Education Ltd recently delivered a recovery course for external building envelope specialists, Lakesmere Cladding. The course was run in conjunction with Network at their premises in Worcester.

Comments 3 Education's Rob Harris: "Six employees from Lakesmere successfully removed a 'faller' from a rigged safety net. The company wanted to make sure its operatives and managers fully understood the planning and mechanics of safety net recovery."

"It's encouraging that sites have a recovery plan in place, but it must be a workable plan that ensures the safe recovery of the person involved."