

FASET

Fall Arrest Safety Equipment Training

Advancing the safety net rigging & temporary safety systems industry

Welcome to

NET *talk*

Welcome to the first edition of NetTalk, the new style FASET eNewsletter. In this inaugural edition we introduce the new chairman of the Association, Rob Harris, confirm the winners of the FASET Awards, and review the highlights of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.



NEW CHAIRMAN

A well known figure in the height safety sector, Rob Harris is the new chairman of the Association. He took over from Paul Martin at the Association's Annual General Meeting in Daventry in December.

Involved in the work at height industry for over 20 years, Rob was instrumental in founding FASET and has been a major contributor to its progress and development ever since. He remains as chairman of the FASET training committee. [More...](#)



WINNERS OF INAUGURAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

FASET has announced the winners of its first annual awards. In each case, the independent judging panel, which included a representative of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), was impressed by the commitment, innovation and concern for safety demonstrated by the winners. Winners were announced in three categories:

- FASET Health and Safety Initiative of the Year
- FASET Operative of the Year
- FASET Member Project of the Year [More...](#)

SIX HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2016 AGM

The AGM was sponsored by GAP Hire Solutions, SMART Scaffolder, SpanSet and CSCS.

1. Delegates heard that FASET is now accredited by Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP). Members will now be audited annually.
2. It was confirmed that the new FASET website is now live.
3. A presentation on the FASET Safety Net Rigger's Course by Simon Mitchell of SpanSet was well received.
4. Members heard that FASET courses now include Safety Net Rigger, Safety Net Inspector, Edge Protection Operative, Stair Tower Operative and Temporary Works.
5. It was reported that the Tensioned Access Platform Committee, Roof Over-Netting Committee and Platform Decking Committee had been extremely busy throughout the year.
6. Delegates were told that FASET is now active in the UK, New Zealand, Spain and Italy, and that FASET training had been carried out in the UK, New Zealand, South Africa, Australia and the UAE.



SAFETY NETS REMOVED TWO WEEKS BEFORE FALL

A principal contractor and his roofing contractor have been fined after a worker was seriously injured in a fall through the roof of a South Shields community centre. The victim, 55, from Newcastle was employed as a roof worker when he fell 4 metres and fractured six ribs in the incident on 7 December 2012.

In the subsequent court case, his employers and the principal contractor were prosecuted by the HSE after an investigation identified serious safety failings. HSE found that there were no suitable safety measures in place to prevent a person falling through the rooflight openings. Significantly, safety nets had been installed to the steel framework just below the roof, but these were removed more than two weeks before the incident.



GO CONSTRUCT

FASET Specialist Rigger and winner of the 2015 Operative of the Year Award, Scott Campbell, of Glasgow-based One Stop Roofing Supplies, is set to feature on the CITB's 'GO CONSTRUCT' website. He will help promote the job of safety net rigger by explaining what the role involves, what he likes about the job and what his working day entails.

www.goconstruct.org



NEW WEBSITE

The new FASET website is now live. In addition to guidance and standards, it focuses on the distinct advantages of employing only FASET member organisations and features several new sections, including 'Top Tip' which provides topical advice and information on the use of safety nets and temporary safety systems. www.faset.org.uk

DIARY DATES

- **Safety & Health Expo:** FASET will again be exhibiting at the Safety & Health Expo, 21-23 June, at ExCeL, London. www.safety-health-expo.co.uk
- **AIF Conference 2016:** 'Managing change and innovation in working at height' will be the principal theme of the Access Industry Forum's conference on 13 October 2016 at Holywell Park Conference Centre, Loughborough. The keynote speaker will be Philip White, head of the HSE's Operational Strategy Division.

FASET is a founder member of the AIF which also includes ATLAS, BSIF, EPF, IPAF, IRATA, Ladder Association, PASMA, SAEMA and WAHSA.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Press releases notifying the trade and professional press about the new chairman and the winners of the FASET Awards were circulated in January.