

# FASET

Fall Arrest Safety Equipment Training

Advancing the safety net rigging & temporary safety systems industry

Welcome to

**NET** *talk*

Welcome to the Autumn edition of NETtalk, the e-newsletter of FASET, the trade body for the safety net rigging and temporary safety systems industry.

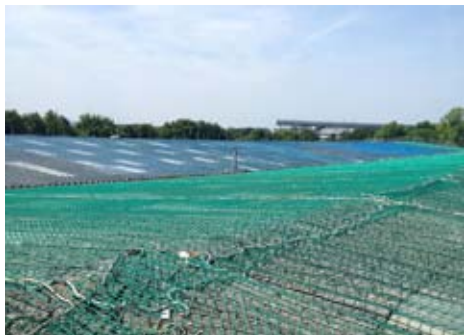
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## GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS

At the invitation of chairman Rob Harris, FASET board member, Colin Jackson of Lyford-based Nationwide Safety, is now spearheading and coordinating the association's marketing effort. Comments Colin: "I am delighted that FASET has asked me to help raise awareness and understanding of the work and role of the association. My aim is to ensure that the good work that FASET is doing to develop and improve height safety through training and guidance is both recognised and implemented on a day-to-day basis. Trade associations have a vital role to play in advancing safety and standards and FASET is at the forefront of this work."



## FASET LAUNCHES ROOF OVER-NETTING GUIDANCE

IN THE absence of a British or European standard, FASET has taken the initiative and developed a comprehensive guidance document covering the use of safety nets over existing roofs - more commonly referred to as roof over-netting. It joins more than 20 best practice documents already free to download on the FASET website [www.faset.org.uk](http://www.faset.org.uk)

Produced with the assistance of the National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC) and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) after exhaustive physical testing, FASET says that over-netting should only be used as a last resort, and that standard, under slung safety netting must always be used where possible and practical.

A relatively new development in the safety netting industry, roof over-netting is used when fixing a new roof over an existing, fragile roof. [More...](#)



## CONFERENCE: THE FUTURE OF WORKING AT HEIGHT

FASET is a founder member of the Access Industry Forum (AIF) which comprises eleven member organisations, each one dedicated to safe working at height. FASET, PASMA, IPAF and NASC have come together with the remaining seven associations and federations to deliver the first ever national work at height conference: *Implementing change and innovation in work at height*.

From drones, to designing for access and the role of technology, to the implications of Brexit, this unique event will bring together an exceptional line-up of expert speakers to address the issues and topics set to shape the future of work at height.

The date is 13 October 2016 and the venue Holywell Park Conference Centre at Loughborough University. To view the programme and book your place, [click here](#).

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## URBAN CLIMBERS

Fortunately an extremely rare occurrence, FASET is nevertheless warning of the dangers posed by urban climbers determined to misuse safety nets by taking their sport to new and bizarre extremes. Not only do they put themselves at risk, but they risk compromising the integrity of the net and its subsequent ability to save lives and prevent injury in the event of a genuine fall from height. FASET is urging vigilance. Firstly, to prevent climbers gaining access in the first place, and, secondly, if they do, to make sure afterwards that the nets are thoroughly and professionally checked for damage. FASET's advice is clear and unequivocal: **If in doubt, don't hesitate, have them inspected.**



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## FASET GUIDANCE AT ALL TIME HIGH

A visit to the FASET website will confirm it. There are now 28 separate pieces of guidance listed at [www.faset.org.uk/guidance/technical-bulletins/](http://www.faset.org.uk/guidance/technical-bulletins/)

Bulletins 1-21 have recently been revised and updated to reflect changes in legislation and are an essential read for anyone involved in roofing and access.

Coming soon are:

- The removal of safety nets by third parties;
  - Reporting falls into safety nets;
  - End-of-life-nets;
  - Clearance distances beneath safety nets;
  - Use of ladders for rigging and de-rigging safety nets.
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## SAFETY ALERTS AND FASET FACTS

Over the coming months the FASET website [www.faset.org.uk](http://www.faset.org.uk) will be developed to incorporate three new features.

**Safety alerts:** These will highlight selected cases involving falls from height successfully prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

**FASET facts:** An occasional series of do's and don'ts designed to showcase examples of both good and bad practice.

**Net worth:** A regularly updated gallery of job site images, with 10-word captions, demonstrating the type and scope of work undertaken by FASET members. **Please send them to** [joe.black@faset.org.uk](mailto:joe.black@faset.org.uk)



## FASET AGM: SAVE THE DATE AND MARK YOUR DIARY

This year's Annual General Meeting will again take place at Hellidon Lakes Golf and Spa Hotel, Daventry. Situated in 220 acres of countryside, the hotel is just 14 miles off the M40 and 20 minutes from the M1. The date is 1 December 2016. More details will be announced shortly.

## 2016 FASET AWARDS

The FASET board has decided that the award categories for 2016 will be as follows:

- **FASET member project of the year** - sponsored by Tecnologia Deportiva SA
- **FASET health and safety project of the year** - sponsored by Nationwide Platforms
- **FASET employee of the year** - sponsored by CSCS
- **FASET member of the year** - sponsored by Smart Scaffolder

The awards recognise outstanding achievement and are now a regular feature of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).



## NASC REJOINS ACCESS INDUSTRY FORUM (AIF)

The NASC has rejoined the Access Industry Forum (AIF) which already includes FASET and nine of the leading trade associations and federations involved in work at height. Comments NASC managing director, Robin James: *"We are extremely pleased to be re-joining the Access Industry Forum. NASC and CISRS (the UK scaffolding industry training scheme) will contribute a great deal to industry debate and discussion within the Forum."* [www.accessindustryforum.org.uk](http://www.accessindustryforum.org.uk)



## FROM THE HSE

**HSE survey:** HSE is reviewing the requirements in health and safety legislation for the inspection or thorough examination of work plant and equipment. HSE wants to hear the views of all types of businesses about how well these requirements are working and how they might be improved to promote effective and proportionate approaches to equipment inspection. You can undertake the survey on the [HSE website](#).

**The Facts Poster:** This Summer has seen the release of HSE's new 'Health in Construction - The Facts' poster on work-related ill health amongst construction workers in Great Britain. The poster visualises key information in an info graphic style. You can purchase a copy from the [HSE website](#).

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