



Federation Newsletter

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Making sure your voice is heard

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EVENTS

- FSF Forum 18 February
- Fire Safety Event 5th-7th April
- Federation AGM 10th May
- FIREX International 17th-19th May
- Fire Sprinkler International 31 May to 1 June
- INTERSCHUTZ 20 to 22 June 2022 Hannover.
- Emergency Services Show 21st-22nd September
- Fire Conference 18 October 2022 London

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Next Forum 18th February 2022

The next Forum will be held online on Friday 18th February from 11:00-13:00. An agenda will be circulated in due course with an invitation link but in the meantime please keep the date clear in your diary.

Ministerial Statements on Fire Safety



This year started with two ministerial statements one in the House of Commons and the other in the House of Lords covering the government’s revised plans to ensure that victims of building safety defects are not held liable for the costs of rectifying those defects.

Michael Gove’s statement in the House of Commons, which also withdrew the Consolidated Advice Note on cladding following the introduction of BS 9980, is available [here](#)

Lord Greenhalgh had responded to a question raised in the House of Lords a few days earlier and the Fire and Building Safety Minister’s response is available [here](#)

New Parliamentary Group Chair



The All-Party Parliamentary Fire Safety and Rescue Group has elected Bob Blackman, MP for Harrow East, as their Chairman to succeed Sir David Ames. Bob has served on the committee for 2 years and previously served on the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority while a member of the London Assembly.

Consultation Scottish Government

The Federation has drafted a response to a building safety proposal to introduce in Scotland a Compliance Plan Manager to undertake a defined role to improve safety. The draft response is available for members on Basecamp in the Consultation section and further comments are requested by 31 January 2022

External Wall Fire Risk PAS 9980 Published

BSi has released PAS 9980:2022 Assessing the External Wall Fire Risk in Multi-Occupied Buildings, coinciding with the government’s withdrawal of the Consolidated Advice Note.

9980 gives recommendations and guidance on undertaking fire risk appraisal of external wall construction and cladding of an existing multi-storey, multi occupied residential building. Further information [here](#)



BSI Consultation Fixed Firefighting Systems

The Federation is preparing a response to the current consultation BS EN 12845-1 Fixed Firefighting Systems however members who wish to respond directly to can do so [here](#) before the closing date of 8th February.

BSI Flex 8870 v 3.0

BSi have announced that the fast tracked Built environment – Core criteria for building safety in competence frameworks, [BSI Flex 8670 v3.0](#), available from last April is to transfer into a full British Standard mid-2022 to coincide with Royal Assent of the Building Safety Bill.

Fire Summit 2022 18 October 2022 London

Early planning is commencing on this year's Fire Summit organised by Federation members FPA, IFE and NFCC. This year the Federation has a more active role assisting in developing programme highlights and broadening the reach of the event to a wider audience of members and sponsors. Members who have ideas for programme content, issues they believe are important and wish to learn or hear about are invited to let us [know](#).

Follow us on LinkedIn



A reminder that you can follow the Federation on LinkedIn to keep abreast of news and updates. Please use this [link](#) to visit the page and follow us!

Dame Judith Hackitt's 3rd Progress Report

The Industry Safety Steering Group has published its third report on progress in cultural change in the built environment industry. The [report](#) concludes there is mixed progress and that the key message is "we need to go further and we need to go faster, ahead of legislation".

ESP Dashboard

The Electrotechnical Skills Partnership has established an interesting [dashboard](#) to explain their industries contribution to the UK economy.

Benchmark Standard for Fire Risk Assessors

Members of an industry working group on fire risk assessment led by the Federation are developing a new benchmark standard for public and sector wide use and an early first draft is now available for comment. The group intends to review the draft after 14 February 2022 and a copy may be obtained on [request](#).

Fire Standards Board

The Fire Standards Board have produced an Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Fire Standard which is now open for [consultation](#) until 21 February 2022. A response will be made by the Federation and Members are invited to [send in](#) any comments they wish to have included.
