



# Federation Newsletter

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## EVENTS

- Emergency Services Show Fire safety Event  
7-9 September 2021  
NEC Birmingham
- Fire Conference 2021  
2QE2 Conference  
Centre London
- INTERSCHUTZ  
20 to 22 June 2022  
Hannover.

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## Paul Fuller CBE QFSM

The Federation was deeply saddened and shocked to learn that Paul Fuller, former Federation Chairman and Chief Fire officer of Bedfordshire, recently passed away. Paul assisted in the foundation of the Federation serving as Deputy Chairman from inauguration in 2013 until he became Chairman in 2017. The more recent developments in how the Federation operates and is organised owe a great deal to Paul who was an inspirational leader. His passing is a significant loss to fire safety in the UK and to all in the fire sector.



## Product Assurance Workshop 28th June

The Agenda and joining details have been sent to members for our next Product Assurance Workshop examining those parts of the product cycle related to Selection & Specification and Traceability through collaborative labelling.

Richard Harrall, Technical Director, Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) and Peter Capelhorn, CEO, Construction Product Association (CPA) will introduce the discussion, which will ultimately help inform Federation policy on this important topic.

## Consultation Response Meeting 6 July

There will be a 2 part meeting for members on 6 July at 09:30 and 11:30 to discuss the Federation’s response to BB100 fire safety design for new schools and BS 99001 Quality management systems – specific requirements for the built environment sector. Members have been sent the joining details and can forward comments in advance if they cannot attend.

## New qualification for Fire Risk Assessors

FireQual, the specialist Awarding Body for the fire safety sector, has announced a new qualification for fire risk assessors to address the need for the development of behaviours, knowledge and skills related to conducting fire risk assessments in the field. It requires individuals to demonstrate their knowledge of fire risk assessment so they can carry out their role competently within a variety of settings. More information is available at [www.firequal.com](http://www.firequal.com)

## BSI Consultations

BSI currently has a number of standards out for consultation addressing competence of those involved in building design and safety management including PAS 8671 and PAS 8673. More information is available at [www.bsigroup.com](http://www.bsigroup.com)

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## Ben Brook appointed Warwickshire CFO

Congratulations to Ben Brook on his forthcoming appointment as Chief Fire Officer at Warwickshire FRS. Ben is the Federation's national lead for the NFCC, making a significant contribution to workstreams and the development of shared thinking and policy.

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## Federation Joins HSE Competence Committee

Our Executive officer Dennis Davis has been invited and accepted the opportunity to represent the Federation on the Health and Safety Executive Interim Industry Competence Committee set up to provide advice to the Building Safety Regulator and wider industry on competence related matters.

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## Fire Conference 2021

The Federation will have a significant role in this year's Fire Conference 2021 on 9<sup>th</sup> November at the QE2 Conference Centre in London. Planning is underway for our workshop session which will examine how to transform culture and competence to improve fire safety, with contributions from a number of high profile speakers. We will update members on the programme once finalised.

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## Wales to introduce Fire Safety Act

The Welsh Government has written to the Federation and all stakeholders to confirm that it will introduce the Fire Safety Act 2021 this autumn after it was agreed by the Senedd. It intends to publish further detailed guidance for responsible persons on the terms of the act in the near future.

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## Premises Information Box Code

The FIA and NFCC have introduced a new Code of Practice on the provision of Premises Information Boxes in Residential Buildings. More information is available [here](#)