



Federation Newsletter

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Making sure your voice is heard

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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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Engineers Eligible for RICS External Walls Assessment Training Programme

Registered and practicing engineers who meet strict entry criteria may now apply for the RICS External Walls Assessment Training Programme.

Individuals who are recognised through professional registration with the UK Engineering Council as either Chartered or Incorporated Engineers with at least 10 years’ experience in fire engineering, including 5 years in a fire safety discipline, are now eligible.

The programme is free with a paid end point assessment and offers access to professional indemnity insurance to facilitate individual based surveys.

More information is available at RICS website [here](#)

Building Safety Bill

The Building Safety Bill recently had its second reading in the House of Commons. More information on the bill is available [here](#) The Federation is currently preparing a response to the bill which will be shared with members in due course.

The proposals made in the Bill are already becoming well known and the Federation has become a member of the Interim Industry Competency Committee governed by the Building Regulator as part of the developing HSE work programme.

In addition as part of the proposals impacting on the Fire Safety Order to implement recommendations from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry the Federation has and continues to support Home Office involving issues like fire doors, premise information boxes were members NFCC and FIA have made a significant contribution and Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans in residential high rise.

Golden Thread Report

The Building Regulations Advisory Committee has published its [report](#) on the development of a golden thread policy and the expectation of how industry can support government in delivering safer buildings.

The Fire Risks of Purpose-Built Blocks of Flats: an Exploration of Official Fire Data in England

This research project report with interim findings has just been released which makes interesting reading and is available [here](#)

NFCC Launches Community Risk Management Planning Standard

The recently published NFCC Community Risk Management Planning Fire Standard aims to bring consistency to the way that community risk management plans are developed and used. The new standard will provide a framework for the work of the NFCC's Community Risk Programme. More information is available [here](#)

Next Forum at Fire Safety 21

The next Forum event will be held at the NEC on Wednesday 8th of September at the Fire Safety Show. More details will be sent to members soon.

BB100 Response

After a productive member's workshop on BB100 fire safety design for new schools and BS 99001 Quality management systems – specific requirements for the built environment sector, the Federation is preparing its response to the consultation. A draft Federation response to the Department of Education is available to view in the Government Consultation folder in Basecamp.

BS8644 Digital Management of Fire Safety

The proposed standard for digital management of fire safety information Part 1: Design, construction, handover, asset management and emergency response – code of practice is open for consultation until 22nd August 2021. More information is available at the BI website [here](#)

Fire Conference 2021

The Federation will have a significant role in this year's Fire Conference 2021 on 9th November at the QE2 Conference Centre in London. Planning is underway for our session to 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. In the meantime, more information is available [here](#)

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The Federation now has a page on LinkedIn where to post news and updates. Please use visit this [link](#) to visit the page and follow us!

Dates for Meetings

Please note the following dates for future Forums.

Wednesday 8 September 2021 at NEC coinciding with the FS Show

Monday 8 November 2021 the day before the 2021 Fire Summit

Wednesday 15 December 2021

Thursday 24 February 2022

Tuesday 10 May 2022 - This will be the AGM