



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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First 'in person' Forum Very Soon

We look forward to seeing everyone in person again for a broad update and discussion across the Federation's past, current and future work programme.



The Forum will be held alongside this year's Fire & Safety event at the NEC on Wednesday 8th September between 12:30 and 14:30 in Organisers' Rooms 4-9a and 4-9b just outside Hall 4.

Could anyone planning to join us at the next Forum meeting please remember to confirm attendance if they have not already done so. This will allow us to finalise numbers for catering.

New Building Safety Alliance

A new Building Safety Alliance has been created to promote culture change and drive competence for those who are managing buildings and have a responsibility for providing residents with safe homes.

The organisation's initial primary functions are twofold: certification of individual Building Safety Managers or Nominated Individuals within the BSM organisation; and to create and manage a publicly available register of those certified by the scheme. Further information can be obtained from the BSA website [here](#)

Competence Framework for Building Safety Managers

A new standard, PAS 8673, which sets out the recommended competences of individual Building Safety Managers, specifying the requirements for building safety competence relevant to the role, functions, activities and tasks of the BSM has been published for public comment. Based upon the recommendations and core competence criteria set out in BSI Flex 8670 comment on this new PAS framework is open until 15th September on the BSI website [here](#)

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Consultation on response to Unwanted Fire Alarms

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has opened a consultation on options for responding to automatic fire alarms. The aim supports a strategy to reduce the number of these attendances. Anyone who wants to find out more or contribute can do so [here](#)

CROSS Panel views on Cross-laminated Timber

The CROSS-UK Fire Safety Expert Panel recently shared their views about the interpretation and application of the Building Act 1984 with regard to the use of cross-laminated timber in multi-storey buildings, Their views are available [here](#) Members can also email feedback directly to Neil Gibbins at neil.gibbins@cross-safety.org

Fire Conference 2021

The Federation's Board is looking forward to welcoming members to the Fire Conference 2021 event in a few months' time. Organised by Federation members the Fire Protection Association with strong support from the Institution of Fire Engineers and National Fire Chiefs Council this is the UK's annual stocktake of the trends and challenges facing the fire sector.

The Federation will have a more significant role in this year's conference as it presents its own workshop session. Planning is underway to include examination of how to transform culture and competence to improve fire safety with contributions from a number of high-profile speakers. An update for members on the programme will be made once it is finalised.

In the meantime, more information on Fire Conference 2021 being held on 9th November at the QE2 Conference Centre in London is available [here](#)

Fire Risk Assessors

The Federation has been working hard over the past years and months to establish with government and other professions the role undertaken by our professional fire risk assessor members. This has not been without challenge, for example, it is still very difficult for many well established assessors to secure personal indemnity insurance. The fact these services are in demand is also shown by the Federation supported members initiative to create a [national listing](#) of assured individuals and companies, which after six months of operation has had over a thousand visits and 700 inquiries.

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