



Federation Newsletter

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Making sure your voice is heard

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EVENTS

- 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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Federation Joins Conference Team

Fire Conference 2022



The Federation has joined the team of FPA, IFE and NFCC to support and organise FIRE 2022, which is to take place on 18th October at Aviva’s HQ in London. Building on last year’s success, which saw over 400 delegates attend, the four parties will work closely together on the event programme to discuss and debate major challenges affecting the fire safety landscape.

The one-day event will include presentations and workshops by expert speakers. This year’s themes include competency and a focus on legislative changes, as well as a look ahead at future challenges such as climate change, sustainability and new fuel sources. We will advise members as soon as booking opens for the event.

Ministerial Briefing



The Federation, FPA and IFE, recently met with Lord Greenhalgh, Minister for Building Safety and Fire, and discussed areas of concern. A productive discussion resulted in a request for a proposal outlining potential solutions. The proposals, which include areas such as third party assurance, capacity and competence and improvement of regulations, have been submitted to the Minister and the APPFSRG.

Statement on Ukraine

CTIF the international association of fire and rescue associations, with whom the Federation acts as the UK National Committee, has issued an [official statement](#) regarding the ongoing armed conflict in Ukraine.

Condemning aggressive military action against all people the statement from the CTIF Executive asks its Russian and Belarusian members to use professional influence with their governments to seek respect and protection for civilians and first responders and suspends formal contact.

Industry Competence Committee

Federation Executive Officer Dennis Davis is a member of the HSE Interim Industry Competence Committee, established last year to advise the Building Safety Regulator and the industry on all competency related matters. IICC has so far established terms of reference and sub committees which will address matters like strategy, baseline competency, capacity and capability, engagement and communications. IICC intends to provide a briefing seminar to industry in the new future.

Compliance for PFOA in Firefighting Foams

The Environment Agency has issued guidance on compliance advice for PFOA Class B Firefighting Foams. Details are available [here](#)

Webinar Single Building Assessment

Scottish Government is running a free short webinar on cladding and fire safety developments in Scotland on 9 March at 12:30. The event will include updates on EWS Application in Scotland, PAS 9980, Single Building Assessment and the Government backed PII scheme for professionals undertaking EWS1 appraisals. Further information and enrolment is available [here](#)

Securing Safe Escape from Fire

The Federation is currently finalising a fire risk assessor's guide and checklist on Personal Emergency Evacuation from General Residential Premises. The check list poses questions for discussion with clients to determine what actions are appropriate for the building being assessed. The guide is due to be published later this month on our web site.

Follow us on LinkedIn



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

Guidance for Care Homes

The Scottish Government has published guidance for those who have responsibility for ensuring safety in care homes in Scotland. More information is available [here](#)

Housing Industry Response to Minister

The Home Builders Federation has written to Secretary of State, Michael Gove setting out the industry's response to the government's proposals for funding building safety. The letter outlines a commitment to resolve all safety concerns on all buildings over 11m, dating back to 2000 and to withdraw from the Building Safety Fund. The full letter is available [here](#)

Royal Berks FRS Seeks Views on Diversity

Royal Berkshire FRS is reviewing its Equality, Diversity and Inclusion objectives and would like to hear views on proposed updated objectives via an online survey. Anyone interested can take part in the survey [here](#)

JOIFF News Update

The latest issue of Catalyst, from JOIFF, the International Organisation of Industrial Emergency Services Management is available to read [here](#)
