

Training directory

Together – we can work it out

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Everyone has their problems and we tend to keep them to ourselves, but often we have the same problems, with the same products and installations. A collective voice can often initiate change.

But it's not just about the negative and problems we encounter – we can learn tips, tricks and advice from a collective voice or at least work out a solution together rather than in isolation.

This isn't just a plug for the CFA website, as I really do believe communication must cross all media from publications, voice, forums and the internet to be truly effective, but the CFA website is a good start and the easiest for you to quickly access.

Here's a suggestion, set the CFA website as your home page for just one month and make an effort to engage with it.

Participate, communicate and maybe learn something, and especially you should feedback what's right and wrong. You never know, you might just like it!

DIARY DATES

DESIGN PRIMA

June 2-4

Business Design Centre, London
www.designprima.co.uk

SUBCON

June 9-11

NEC Birmingham
www.subconshow.co.uk

PROCUREMENT SHOW

June 9-10

Earls Court One, London
www.procurementsolutions.gov.uk

IN STORE SHOW

June 30-July 1

Grand Hall, Olympia
www.instoreshow.co.uk

NATIONAL FLOOR SHOW

September 8-10

Harrogate
www.nationalfloorshow.co.uk

100% DESIGN

September 24-27

Earls Court, London
www.100percentdesign.co.uk



The FITA training centre at Loughborough

Training puts you ahead of the game

HAVE no doubt that training will make you or your company more attractive to prospective clients – something especially valuable during the credit crunch and when business is quieter.

If you are able to promote yourself or your fitters as being highly trained it will set you apart from your competition.

And if your next question is about where you can get top class training by experts, look no further than FITA.

Co-founded by the Contract Flooring Association (CFA) and the National Institute of Carpet and Floorlayers (NICF), FITA is the leading training organisation for the industry, both the commercial (CFA) and domestic (NICF) markets.

Furthermore, FITA has made a conscious effort to remain competitive during these trying times. Our winter promotion on the solid wood sanding and finishing course was a great success. As a result, we also ran a spring promotion on the basic carpet fitting course, reducing the cost by 20%, a significant saving.

Look out for new promotions on the FITA website www.fita.co.uk

The take up of places on FITA training courses has increased by 115% on the same period last year, evidence of the growing importance of training in people's minds.

The facilities at the FITA training centre at Loughborough are absolutely top notch, with constant modification and refurbishment of the fitting bays. The most up to date tools are on hand for trainees to use, while the in-house library offers a wealth of information on products and materials.

Although winter seems like a way off, the Loughborough centre



now has a new heating system, which also serves to ensure that materials and adhesives are stored at the correct temperature.

Steve Ramsden has settled well into his role as FITA's new chief training consultant, responsible for the overseeing of the training centre and the training consultants. Steve brings many years of experience in the industry to this position.

Alan Gayle of A G Flooring is the new chairman of the FITA council, having taken over from Keith Carey last November. Alan runs a successful contracting business in the North West and has been an active member of the CFA and FITA councils for many years. FITA thanks Keith Carey for all his hard work over recent years as council chairman.

Welcome also to new FITA council member Henryk Struzik, of Courtis Contracts (Nottm). Henryk joined the CFA council a year ago although he has been involved in the contract flooring world for over 20 years.

FITA also welcomes a new premier sponsor on board this year, Balterio, as well as two new official sponsors, John Butler Contracts and Polyflor. Long standing premier sponsors are F Ball and Co and Blaklader. FITA is grateful to those companies and also the many others who donate materials and tools for use on the training courses.

FITA offers short courses (from one to five days) designed to fit in with the busy schedule of flooring contractors and domestic fitters. On the successful completion of a FITA course, delegates receive an industry recognised accreditation,

FITA courses

Basic carpet fitting

(5 days) Jul 20, Sep 14; Nov 2

Intermediate carpet fitting

(4 days) Jul 6, Sep 21, Nov 9;

Advanced carpet fitting

(4 days) Jun 22, Nov 30;

Essential wood fitting

(3 days) Jun 15, Jul 27, Oct 7, Nov 25;

Intermediate wood fitting (3 days)

Jul 13, Sep 2, Oct 19, Dec 7;

Solid wood sanding and finishing (2 days)

Jul 16, Sep 28, Nov 17;

Laminate & floating wood

(2 days) Jun 18, Jul 30, Oct 5, Nov 23;

Domestic vinyl fitting

(2 days) Jun 11, July 23; Sep 16, Nov 4;

Safety and smooth vinyl (commercial) fitting

(4 days) Jun 15, 29, Jul 13, Sep 28, Nov 16, Dec 14. Also

courses in Manchester on Jun 29, Sep 7, Oct 26, Dec 14;

Luxury vinyl tile fitting (4 days)

Oct 12;

Estimating and planning

(2 days) Jun 9, Jul 21; Sep 14, Nov 2;

Damp testing floors

(1 day) Jul 3; Oct 13, Dec 1;

Subfloor preparation

(2 days) Jun 30, Sep 21, Nov 9.

Courses are at Loughborough unless otherwise stated. Please

enquire about course fees when

booking. Check out the FITA

website for the latest course

information.

■ T: 0115 950 6836

■ www.fita.co.uk

which can add further credibility to a business as well as perhaps providing a new revenue stream.

There is much more about FITA, including full course details, on its website: www.fita.co.uk

NVQ COURSES

FITA offers NVQ training via EWPA and OSAT.

■ T: 0115 950 6836



Floortrain (GB) is a registered City & Guilds assessment centre for NVQs in textile, impervious and wood flooring. Full funding is available in 95% of cases. Training packages are offered to intermediate or advanced levels. Contact Dominic for details:

■ T: 01709 780505

FERFA

Courses include In-situ resin flooring apprenticeship scheme; prepare and profile substrates apprentice scheme; work-based recorders (half-day training session); assistance with obtaining NVQ level 2 In situ resin flooring.

■ T: 01252 714250

Flooring Assessments

offers on-site assessment for floorcovering City & Guild NVQ at all levels, including CSCS cards and training to up-skill in carpets, impervious and wood flooring:

■ T: 07515885912

■ dave@flooringassessments.com

■ www.flooringassessments.com

Bostik Flooring Academy

St Helens College offers training in floorcovering NVQ Levels 1, 2 and 3 and construction diplomas for two years on a day release basis, plus On Site Assessment and Training (OSAT) for experienced workers and the Experienced Workers Practical Assessments (EWPA) for CSCS cards.

■ T: 01744 623640

Scotfloor Training offers construction skills approved floorcovering occupations level 1, 2 & 3 courses in textile, impervious and wood, plus on site assessments for SVQ CSCS accreditation, and apprenticeship block release training for levels 1, 2 & 3 in Scotland.

Contact Rory MacGillivray:

■ T: 01870 602525

■ M: 07879443518

■ www.floortraining.co.uk

■ E: rory@floortraining.co.uk

COLLEGE NVQ COURSES

NVQ floorcoverings (levels 1, 2 & 3) offered at Thomsit Centres & OSAT for experienced workers.

Northumberland: Graham

Cunningham ■ T: 07976 539154

Leicester: Martin Coles

■ T: 07836 622811

Accrington & Rossendale :

Brian Enderwitz ■ T: 07976 353920

Yale, Wrexham: Steve Davies

■ T: 07984 002632

Acton & West London :

Jim Gallagher ■ T: 07768 745787

National Construction College, Erith.

Malcolm Harrison T: 01322 349638

Fitting courses



The Academy of Flooring Skills

THE ACADEMY OF FLOORING SKILLS (TAOFS) established by John Roberts has a training centre in Pentlow near Sudbury, Suffolk, offering Luxury vinyl tile skills **Jun 8-11**; moisture survey skills **Jun 12**; subfloor preparation skills **Jun 22-23**; Courses on moisture surveying skills are being planned. The above dates can be changed to suit five or more people and one-to-one tuition can be arranged on request. Check website for wood courses dates in Cornwall. ■ www.taofs.co.uk

■ M: 07831584334

■ E: john@jroberts.co.uk

■ T: 01162608873

O2H2 Flooring Consultants

Seminar dates this year include: Understanding carpets **Jul 13-14**; **Oct 5-6**; Estimating & planning **Jul 15-16**; **Oct 7-8**. Course fees (per seminar) are £275 (plus VAT). Both courses booked together are £500 (plus VAT). ■ T: 01386 422256

www.o2h2flooringconsultants.com

HCTS MERSEY ACADEMY

Apprentice training for NVQ for local CITB and a few non-CITB employers, plus day release courses for local flooring firms. Shirley Ashcroft

■ T: 0151 289 9090

CERAMIC ADHESIVES

ARDEX Luke Kingston

■ T: 01440 714939

BAL Amy Rushton

■ T: 01782 591123

BOSTIK Gary Hardy

■ T: 07735 271664

INSTARMAC Paul Luff

■ T: 01827 872244

MAPEI Graham Baldwin

■ T: 0121 508 6970

PALACE CHEMICALS

Stewart Hagger or Jim Percival

■ T: 0151 486 6101

CLEANING

IIRCR UK ■ T: 01763 208222

Carpet Cleaning Technician **Jun 23-24**; **Oct 27-28**. Commercial Carpet

Maintenance Technician **Jul 14-15**;

Nov 17-18. Courses are at Royston,

Cambridgeshire (Alltec Network)

T: 01763 208222 Instructor is Paul

Pearce (Country House Carpet Care) E:

paulpea@btopenworld.com

CLEANING SYSTEMS UK

Sandy Pearson ■ T: 0800 163555

■ sandy@cleaning-systems-uk.com

DR SCHUTZ Richard Nelson

■ T: 01296 437827

■ richard@dr-schutz.com

NATIONAL CARPET CLEANERS

ASSOCIATION Carpet cleaning **Jun**

12-13. The course is led by NCCA

directors Paul Pearce and Pawlo

Woloszyn, both experienced carpet

cleaners. ■ T: 0116 271 9550



Polyflor launches advanced courses

POLYFLOR has added a new three-day advanced floorlaying course to its basic courses run at its training school in Whitefield, Manchester.

The new course – available only to people who have completed the basic course – will cover in greater depth specific aspects of floorlaying, including the installation of safety floors with site formed coving and set-in skirting, correct installation of

static control floorcoverings, stair installations, subfloor preparation and damp proof membrane application.

In addition to the basic and advanced courses there is also a two-day introduction to luxury vinyl tile fitting.

Details from Eddie Pannett

T: 0161 767 1912

www.polyflor.com

■ www.ncca.co.uk

PREMIER PRODUCTS

Cleaning, floor preparation and maintenance courses. Contact Maureen Scott. ■ T: 01242 537174

maureens@premiereproducts.co.uk

PROCHEM Carpet cleaning courses:

(2-day) **Jun 2-3, Sep 29-30; Nov 24-**

25. (1-day) **Jun 16, Jul 14, Sep 8, Oct**

6, Nov 3, Dec 8. Hard floor cleaning:

Jul 1, Sep 16, Nov 11.

■ T: 020 8974 1515

■ www.prochem.co.uk/training.htm

PROCLEAN David Jenkins

■ T: 02380 660977

WOOD FLOORING

BONA: Introduction to basic sanding:

June 18, July 16, Aug 13, Sept 17,

Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 17; Finishes for

timber floors: **Jul 23, Sep 24, Nov**

19; Success with timber floors: **Jun**

12, Aug 7, Oct 9, Dec 4; Floors in

educational establishments: **Jun 30,**

Aug 18, Oct 30; How to service your

Bona sanding machine: **Oct 23, Dec**

8. ■ www.bona.com

■ T: 01908 399740

JUNCKERS Steve Maltby

■ T: 01376 534700

GRUNDORF TERHURNE

Two-day hardwood and engineered

courses, one-day laminate, and two-

day sand & finish. Sid Bourne.

■ T: 01562 861351

■ M: 07841 500940

KÄHR ■ T: 023 9245 3045

OSMO Training is offered on floor

preparation, methods of application

of Osmo products and maintenance.

■ T: 01296 481220

TIMBER FLOOR TECHNOLOGY

■ T: 01255 224776

■ E: info@timber-floor-technology.co.uk

RESILIENT FLOORS

ALTRO Two-day resilient flooring courses. ■ T: 01462 707600 Two-day courses on resin flooring: Debbie Kavanagh ■ T: 01300 320620

AMTICO Resilient fitting courses.

Marie Lane. ■ T: 0121 745 0821

FORBO has one-day installation

courses. ■ T: 01592 647396

NORA RUBBER FLOORING

Shaun Howarth ■ T: 01455 200500

KARNDEAN ■ T: 01386 820170

MAPEI ■ T: 0121 508 6970

POLYFLOR ■ T: 0161 767 1111

TARKETT TRAINING ACADEMY

■ T: 01622 854040

SURFACE PREP

ARDEX Luke Kingston

■ T: 01440 714939

F BALL ■ T: 01538 361633

LAYBOND Martin Cummins

■ T: 07740 278631

INSTARMAC Karl Brannigan

■ T: 01827 872244

MAPEI ■ T: 0121 508 6970

SPE ■ T: 01673 860709

THE PREPARATION GROUP

Introduction to surface preparation

Jun 4; Jul 2, Aug 5, Sep 2; floor

removal processes **Jun 9; Jul 7, Aug**

20; know your surfaces **Jul 9, Aug**

18; advanced operators **Jun 24; Jul**

29, Aug 26, Sep 16; polishing &

grinding techniques **Jun 17, Aug 12,**

Sep 10; machine operation &

maintenance **Jul 15-16, Sep 22-23**;

general maintenance (½ day) **Jun 11,**

Sep 8. ■ T: 0870 224 3606

UZIN Kenton Penny

■ T: 01235 534106

FLOORING GUILD

■ T: 0800 072 3223

■ www.flooringguild.co.uk