

Training directory

**NVQ COURSES**

**FITA NVQ TRAINING**

FITA offers NVQ training via EWPA. Contact FITA for details. **T: 0115 950 6836**

**FLOORTRAIN**

Based in Rotherham, this company provides training to up-skill in textile, impervious and wood & laminate flooring; Health & Safety training and City & Guilds NVQ qualifications with CSCS cards. **T: 01709 780505**

**info@floortrain.co.uk**  
**www.floortrain.co.uk**

**FERFA NVQ TRAINING**

Ferfa runs courses including 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**

**COLLEGE NVQ COURSES**

NVQ Floorcoverings (Levels 1, 2, and 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**

**NVQ training at National Construction College, Erith, Kent.** Malcolm Harrison **T: 01322 349638**

**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**

**Fitting courses**



The Academy of Flooring Skills **THE ACADEMY OF FLOORING SKILLS** (TAOFS) established by John Roberts has its first training centre in Pentlow near Sudbury Suffolk. Courses include:

Intermediate carpet skills **Oct 6-10**;  
Laminate & floating wood skills **Oct 13-14**. Sanding and finishing skills

**Oct 15-16**; Essential carpet skills **Nov 3-7**; Luxury vinyl tile skills **Nov 17-20**; Moisture survey skills **Nov 21**; Other courses will be starting soon. Details on the new website: **www.taofs.co.uk** One-to-one tuition can be arranged on request.

**Email: john@jrroberts.co.uk**  
**M: 07831584334**  
**T: 01162608873**

The main sponsor of TAOFS new centre is Marling Floorbrand with supporting sponsors, including Ardex. Companies wishing to back the training venue are invited to contact John Roberts. He will be at the National Floor Show this month.

**ELITE TRAINING**

This is a joint venture by O2H2 Flooring Consultants and RBI (Europe). Two specialist seminars based on courses previously conducted by RBI (Europe) run by John Hopkins: Understanding carpets **Oct 20-21**; estimating and planning **Oct 22-23**. Course fees £275 + VAT each; both courses £500 + VAT. The course fee includes full documentation, refreshments and lunches. The venue is Evesham, Worcs. A list of suitable accommodation and hotels is available on request.

**T: 01386 422256**  
**T: 01562 747698**  
**E: john@carpetconsultants.co.uk**

**HCTS MERSEY ACADEMY**

HCTS floor covering academy offers free 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** Carpet repair & reinstallation technician with John Thompson **Oct 21-22** Alltec Network, Royston, Herts. Carpet cleaning technician with Paul Pearce **Nov 4-5** at Royston. **T: 01763 208222**

Stone, masonry and ceramic tile cleaning technician with Keith Robertson **Dec 1-2** at Royston. Commercial carpet maintenance



Hush! The specification of acoustic vinyl flooring is the theme of a new Polyflor RIBA approved CPD for architects

**CPD gives 'sound advice' to architects and specifiers**

A NEW RIBA approved CPD presentation for architects from **POLYFLOR** examines the specification of acoustic vinyl floorcoverings in relation to combating nuisance noise – and meeting the latest Building Regulations and guidance documents in different buildings.

The presentation looks at how the Disability Discrimination Act impacts on Building Regulations, especially Part E, as well as DfES, HTM and BREEAM guidance and assessment documents and examines how these relate to design and specification for the workplace, schools, hospitals, hostels, hotels, boarding houses, halls of residence and other multi-occupancy dwellings.

The two types of noise pollution – impact sound and airborne sound – are explained alongside the role of acoustic vinyl flooring in helping to reduce the effects of the former as well as providing additional benefits in terms of performance, durability and aesthetics.

The presentation also investigates key flooring standards which need to be observed when specifying acoustic vinyl floors and concludes with guidance on installation and maintenance and a series of brief case studies illustrating acoustic floors in action in various locations.

**T: 0161-767 1111**  
**www.polyflor.com**

CPD courses	
Floor firms offering CPD courses:	
Altro <b>T: 01462 489568</b>	Interface <b>T: 01274 690690</b>
Amtico <b>T: 024 7686 1400</b>	Instar mac <b>T: 01827 872244</b>
Antron <b>T: 07876 577317</b>	Isocrete <b>T: 01270 753000</b>
Ardex <b>T: 01440 714939</b>	Junckers <b>T: 01376 534700</b>
ASCER <b>T: 0207 467 2385</b>	Gerflor <b>T: 01926 401500</b>
BAL <b>T: 01782 591100</b>	Isocrete <b>T: 01270 753000</b>
Ball & Young <b>T: 01536 200502</b>	Kingspan <b>T: 0870 7894000</b>
BonaKemi <b>T: 01908 399740</b>	Laybond <b>T: 07740 278631</b>
Bonar Floors <b>T: 01773 774121</b>	Mapei <b>T: 0121 508 6970</b>
Brintons <b>T: 01562 635110</b>	Matworks <b>T: 01924 413634</b>
Burmatex <b>T: 01924 276333</b>	Milliken <b>T: 01942 826073</b>
Desso <b>T: 01235 554848</b>	Maxit UK <b>T: 01928 515656</b>
Dulux Trade <b>E: dtc@ici.com</b>	Nora Flooring <b>T: 01455 200500</b>
FerFA <b>T: 01252 739149</b>	Paragon <b>T: 0845 601 0431</b>
Flowcrete <b>T: 01270 753000</b>	Polyflor <b>T: 0161 767 1111</b>
Forbo <b>T: 01592 643777</b>	Rehau <b>T: 01989 762600</b>
F Ball <b>T: 01538 361633</b>	Remmers <b>T: 01444 244144</b>
Florprotec <b>T: 01325 269800</b>	Sika <b>T: 01707 394444</b>
Gradus <b>T: 01625 428922</b>	Tarkett <b>T: 01622 854040</b>
Heckmondwike <b>T: 01924 410544</b>	Thortex <b>T: 01609 780170</b>
	Westex Carpets <b>T: 01274 861334</b>

technician with Paul Pearce. **Nov 25-26** at Royston. **T: 01763 208222**

**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 & upholstery

cleaning **Nov 7-8**; Advanced spot & stain treatment and removal **Nov 1**; Introduction to fire and flood restoration **Oct 3-4**. All NCCA courses held at NSPCC Training Centre, Leicester unless otherwise stated. NCCA branch meetings will be held at JennChem near Portsmouth: Green cleaning **Nov 18**. **T: 0116 271 9550**

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# 'One in three firms don't train staff'

A THIRD of construction firms don't train their staff, according to a new survey of 79,000 employers, including flooring contractors, carried out by the Learning and Skills Council. As a result there are more unfilled vacancies (40%) in construction than any other industry.

However, research showed that 42% of almost 4,000 businesses using the LSC's Train to Gain Service have realised bottom-line benefits, including higher productivity, increased profit margins, improved product and service quality, as well as improvements to staff loyalty and retention.

Nearly three quarters (74%) of employers engaged in Train to Gain reported staff had improved their skills and ability to do their job thanks to the training. In addition, 30% of employees had been promoted as a result of the training.

The Government has just announced it will allocate over £300m to the UK construction, hospitality and processing and manufacturing sectors to enable employers to improve the qualifications and skills of their workforces.

■ T: 0800 015 55 45 ■ www.traintogain.gov.uk

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- www.ncca.co.uk
- PREMIER PRODUCTS**  
Maureen Scott  
■ T: 01242 537174  
maureens@premiereproducts.co.uk
- PROCHEM** Carpet cleaning two-day course on **Nov 25-26**; One-day courses on **Oct 7, Nov 4** and **Dec 9**; one-day hard floor cleaning course on **Nov 12**, all held at Chessington, Surrey. A regional carpet cleaning course will be held at Britannia Hotel in Didsbury on **Oct 14**.  
www.prochem.co.uk/training.htm  
■ T: 020 8974 1515  
■ sales@prochem.co.uk
- PROCLEAN** David Jenkins  
■ T: 02380 660977
- HARDWOOD FLOORS**
- BONAKEMI** ■ T: 01908 399743  
■ info.uk@bona.com
- 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
- KÄHRS** ■ T: 023 9245 3045
- OSMO** Training is offered on floor preparation, methods of application of Osmo products and maintenance. Steve Grimwood.  
■ 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. Paul Howells. ■ T: 02476 861409
- FORBO** has one-day installation courses on **Oct 14; Nov 11**; and **Dec 9**, and two-day courses on **Oct 15-16; Nov 12-13; Dec 10-11**.  
■ 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
- 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 **Oct 2, Nov 6** and **Dec 4**; Know your surfaces **Oct 9; Nov 19**, and **Dec 10**; Polishing & grinding techniques **Oct 15** and **Dec 16**; Advanced operators **Oct 21**; General maintenance (1/2 day) **Oct 29**; Floor removal processes **Nov 21**; Machine Operation & Maintenance **Nov 25-26**.  
■ T: 0870 224 3606
- UZIN** Kenton Penny  
■ T: 01235 534106
- FLOORING GUILD**  
■ T: 0800 072 3223  
■ www.flooring-guild.co.uk



Visitors at The Preparation Group open day last year watch one of the demonstrations

## The Preparation Group to repeat Open Days

**THE PREPARATION GROUP** preparation Group will hold another series of open days on October 14-15 at its FerFA approved training centre in Lincoln. The two day event will include: the launch of some new equipment and accessories; demonstrations of the company's established machines on a range of different floor substrates, with the opportunity to try them out, seminars on topical subjects, special price offers and much more.

The company's md Tracey Glew, comments: 'Our last open days were a big success; those who attended thought they were of great benefit. The opportunity to

see the breadth and versatility of our product range makes this a must-see occasion for anyone with an interest in obtaining the best possible return from their surface preparation equipment.' Flooring and surface preparation contractors, specifiers and anyone with surface preparation problems are invited to attend. The doors open each day at 10am and refreshments will be served throughout the day with a buffet lunch.

Attendance is free and you can register now:  
■ T: 0870 2243606  
■ E: christine.buxton@ppcgroup.co.uk  
■ www.thepreparationgroup.com

## Tarkett sets up training academy at Lenham

**TARKETT** has established a new training academy at its Lenham plant. The inaugural course was on the company's integrated vinyl flooring and wall-covering wetroom concept. Future courses will be offered to meet contractor demands, including the installation and welding of linoleum flooring and specifying and installing engineered wood. All courses are practical and are designed to meet the needs of flooring installers experienced in the installation of resilient floorcoverings, but who want to advance their skills and understanding of the correct specification and installation. The wetroom course covers

preparing and applying specialist vinyl wall coverings and safety flooring to achieve a water tight finish, followed by hands-on participation, including the application of different adhesives and hot welding. The one-day courses, with all tools and materials supplied to participants, are run by trainers who have many years hands-on experience in flooring installation, backed by specialist knowledge in relevant product types. The next wetroom course is on October 15. To register or enquire about future courses, contact Pat Wells.  
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