

Ask not what the CFA can do for you

Continued from page 26 and ensuring flooring has a strong voice in the construction sector, on the feedback and points you raise.

Regional meetings really are the ideal forum, and I don't just mean they're a place for having a moan. Although that said if you

want to get something off your chest about flooring or the CFA, then go for it. But they're also the place to network and to talk to others about some of the problems faced on a day-to-day basis.

I've attended quite a few gatherings over the last year and

there have been lively discussions; I've learned a lot about the industry from a contractor perspective, which is important as I represent a manufacturer.

Meetings are quite social too and all those attending acknowledge the benefits and

take something away. Bottom line is that – if you don't attend you really are missing out, which is a shame.

So the next time a regional meeting date appears in your diary, don't be too quick to dismiss... ask yourself... what YOU can do for the CFA!



FITA courses

Basic carpet fitting

(5 days) Sep 14; Nov 2

Intermediate carpet fitting

(4 days) Sep 21, Nov 9;

Advanced carpet fitting

(4 days) Nov 30;

Essential wood fitting

(3 days) Oct 7, Nov 25;

Intermediate wood fitting

(3 days) Sep 2, Oct 19, Dec 7;

Solid wood sanding and finishing

(2 days) Sep 28,

Nov 17;

Laminate & floating wood

(2 days) Oct 5, Nov 23;

Domestic vinyl fitting

(2 days) Sep 16, Nov 4;

Safety and smooth vinyl (commercial) fitting

(4 days) Sep 28, Nov 16, Dec 14. Also courses in

Manchester on Sep 7, Oct 26,

Dec 14; **Luxury vinyl tile fitting** (4 days) Oct 12;

Estimating and planning

(2 days) Sep 14, Nov 2;

Damp testing floors

(1 day) Oct 13, Dec 1;

Subfloor preparation

(2 days) 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.

FITA also offers NVQ training via EWPA and OSAT.

■ T: 0115 950 6836

■ www.fita.co.uk

FITA puts floorlayers on the right course

FOCUSSED on providing practical courses for the floorcovering industry, the Floor Industry Training Association (FITA) enables those in the industry, or closely associated with it, to enhance their knowledge base.

The diversity of courses on offer allows individuals to learn new techniques and to widen their skill set to include flooring products outside their everyday scope of experience.

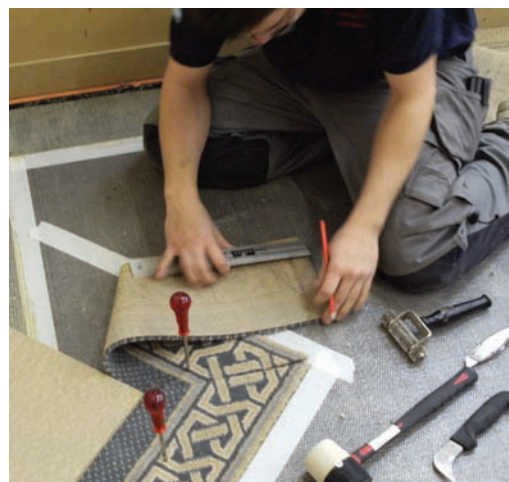
Co-founded by the Contract Flooring Association (CFA) and the National Institute of Carpet and Floorlayers (NICF), both of which remain actively involved, FITA has a fully equipped training centre at Loughborough, Leicestershire, where the majority of courses are run.

FITA instructors have all passed assessments and knowledge exams and are supported on courses by trade technicians with specialist knowledge.

Courses run from one to five days and embrace everything from basic carpet fitting, intermediate wood fitting and estimating and planning to NVQ - experienced worker practical assessment. All of the courses and qualifications can be used as evidence towards an NVQ.

A valuable course not only for the flooring industry but for main contractors, architects, surveyors and site foreman is damp testing floors.

A large percentage of floor failures (figures of up to 50% are often quoted) are due to moisture issues and this one day course provides the essential knowledge and information to ensure that failures



do not occur with the associated costly delays or repair bills.

■ **For a limited time, FITA is offering a 20% discount off the price of the damp testing floors course. As an added bonus, all delegates who attend the course during 2009 will be entered into a free prize draw to win two pieces of moisture testing equipment: A moisture check system' (digital floor hygrometer and Protimeter Aquant) from F Ball & Co and the Equilog from Peter Grant Consultancy and Contracting.**

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■ T: 0115 950 6836

NVQ COURSES



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

Scotland floor training

Construction skills/SQA approved centre for textile, impervious and

wood. We come to you! On site assessments & apprenticeships for SVQs & CSCS. Contact Neillie or Rory: ■ T: 01870 602525

■ 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 (TAOFS) established by John Roberts has a training centre in Pentlow near Sudbury, Suffolk. Upcoming courses: Essential carpet skills **Nov 2-6**; Essential Wood skills **Nov 16-18**; Laminate & floating wood skills **Sep 28-29**; Intermediate carpet skills **Sep 14-18**; Sanding & finishing skills **Sep 30-Oct 1**; **Nov 19-20**; Luxury vinyl tile skills **Oct 5-8**; Safety vinyl skills **Oct 12-15**; Moisture survey skills **Oct 9**. Check web site for other dates in locations around the country; sales & other related staff overview courses: Carpet: **Dec 7**; Safety vinyl: **Dec 8**; LVT tiles: **Dec 9**; Wood: **Dec 10**. Courses on moisture surveying skills are being planned. The scheduled dates can be changed to suit five or more people and one-to-one tuition can be arranged on request.

■ www.taofs.co.uk
 ■ **M: 07831584334**
 ■ **E: john@jroberts.co.uk**
 ■ **T: 01162608873**

O2H2 Flooring Consultants

Seminar dates this year include: Understanding carpets **Oct 5-6**; Estimating & planning **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**

MAPEI Graham Baldwin
 ■ **T: 0121 508 6970**

PALACE CHEMICALS
 Stewart Hagger or Jim Percival
 ■ **T: 0151 486 6101**

ULTRA TILE Paul Luff
 ■ **T: 01827 872244**

CLEANING

IIRC UK ■ **T: 01763 208222**
 Carpet Cleaning Technician **Oct 27-28**. Commercial Carpet Maintenance Technician **Nov 17-18**. Courses 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 **Nov 6-7**. The course is led by NCCA directors Paul Pearce and Pawlo Woloszyn, experienced carpet cleaners. ■ **T: 0116 271 9550**
 ■ 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) **Sep 29-30**; **Nov 24-25**. (1-day) **Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 8**. Hard floor cleaning: **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: **Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 17**; Finishes for timber floors: **Sep 24, Nov 19**; Success with timber floors: **Oct 9, Dec 4**; Floors in educational establishments: **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
 ■ **T: 01562 861351**

KÄHRS ■ **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**
KARNDÉAN Training courses: Basic **Sep 14-16**; **Sep 28-30**; **Oct 12-14**; **Oct 26-28**; advanced **Sep 21-23**.
 ■ **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**
MAPEI ■ **T: 0121 508 6970**
SPE ■ **T: 01673 860709**
THE PREPARATION GROUP
 Introduction to surface preparation **Sep 2**; advanced operators **Sep 16**; polishing & grinding techniques **Sep 10**; machine operation & maintenance **Sep 22-23**; general maintenance (½ day) **Sep 8**.
£10 offer: The Preparation Group, FeRFA Trainer of the Year 2008/9, is offering its course on surface preparation techniques at a special one-off price of £10 per delegate on **September 9**. This is to celebrate that one of its training team is the first certified NVQ assessor in the industry, and two of its contracting team were among the first NVQ candidates.

The course on **September 9** will cover the latest surface preparation, removal and finishing methods along with equipment innovations. A mixture of theory and practical, it will include lecture room presentations, course notes, and an opportunity to try a range of preparation machines on custom built flooring pads. Places are limited and so early booking is recommended.
 ■ **T: 0870 224 3606**
ULTRA FLOOR Karl Brannigan
 ■ **T: 01827 872244**

DIARY DATES

NATIONAL FLOOR SHOW
September 8-10
 Harrogate
www.nationalfloorshow.co.uk

GLEE
September 20-22
 NEC, Birmingham
www.gleebirmingham.com

LEISURE INDUSTRY WEEK
September 22-24
 NEC, Birmingham
www.liw.co.uk

100% DESIGN
September 24-27
 Earls Court, London
www.100percentdesign.co.uk

DECOREX
September 27-30
 London
www.decorex.com

Aston University, Birmingham, is running the following one-day training courses: Screeds and toppings, their selection, properties, application, testing and maintenance **Oct 14**; Concrete technology module 1: properties and materials **Sep 17**; and Concrete technology module 2: specification **Oct 22**.
 ■ **T: 0121 204 3593**
 ■ www.seas.aston.ac.uk/cpd
UZIN Kenton Penny
 ■ **T: 01235 534106**
FLOORING GUILD
 ■ **T: 0800 072 3223**
 ■ www.flooring-guild.co.uk

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Altro ■ **T: 01462 489568**
 Amtico ■ **T: 0121 745 0821**
 Antron ■ **T: 07876 577317**
 Ardex ■ **T: 01440 714939**
 ASCER ■ **T: 0207 467 2385**
 BAL ■ **T: 01782 591100**
 Ball & Young ■ **T: 01536 200502**
 Bona ■ **T: 01908 399740**
 Bonar Floors ■ **T: 01773 744121**
 Brintons ■ **T: 01562 635110**
 Burmatex ■ **T: 01924 276333**
 Desso ■ **T: 01235 554848**
 Dulux Trade ■ **E: dtc@ici.com**
 FeRFA ■ **T: 01252 739149**
 Flowcrete ■ **T: 01270 753000**
 Forbo ■ **T: 01592 643777**
 F Ball ■ **T: 01538 361633**
 Florprotec ■ **T: 01325 269800**
 Gradus ■ **T: 01625 428922**
 Heckmondwike ■ **T: 01924 410544**
 InterfaceFLOR ■ **T: 01274 690690**

Instarmac ■ **T: 01827 872244**
 Isocrete ■ **T: 01270 753000**
 Junckers ■ **T: 01376 534700**
 Gerflor ■ **T: 01926 401500**
 Isocrete ■ **T: 01270 753000**
 Kingspan ■ **T: 0870 7894000**
 Laybond ■ **T: 07740 278631**
 Mapei ■ **T: 0121 508 6970**
 Matworks ■ **T: 01924 413634**
 Milliken ■ **T: 01942 826073**
 Maxit UK ■ **T: 01928 515656**
 Nora Flooring ■ **T: 01455 200500**
 Paragon ■ **T: 0845 601 0431**
 Polyflor ■ **T: 0161 767 1111**
 Rehau ■ **T: 01989 762600**
 Remmers ■ **T: 0845 373 0103**
 Sika ■ **T: 01707 394444**
 Tarkett ■ **T: 01622 854040**
 Thortex ■ **T: 01609 780170**
 Versatile Flooring ■ **T: 01707 800060**
 Westex Carpets ■ **T: 01274 861334**