



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Students Give Construction A Try**

Hundreds of youngsters were given the opportunity to explore the opportunities that the scaffolding sector has to offer at the fourth-annual Give Construction a Try event.

NASC and CISRS both exhibited at the one-day careers showcase, held at Wakefield College to give schoolchildren a better understanding of construction trades available to them.

The NASC was represented by members Wes Johnson and Nathan Croft of Scaffolding Access Solutions, Jonathan Gaunt and Mike Todd of Altrad Generation UK as well as Henry Annafi, NASC Training Officer, and David Mosley, NASC Director of Training and CISRS Managing Director.

More than 300 students from 31 schools were able to get to grips with scaffolding tube and fittings and also test their engineering skills by making mini scaffold structures with K'Nex. The NASC team also promoted the wide-ranging careers available to youngsters in the scaffolding industry, including scaffold design, procurement, estimating, health and safety and inspection.

Jonathan Gaunt, Training Manager at Generation UK, said: "Give Construction a Try is a great way of showcasing the many skilled careers available in scaffolding and construction.

"The UK has many great companies operating in scaffolding and construction all in need of talented people to help fulfil their projects and this demand is growing year on year. No matter what their academic ability, background age or gender, there are jobs available across the industry and this is something that young people do not have any exposure to until leaving school.

"We feel it is our duty as members of the industry to act as advocates for this great world of opportunity awaiting young people, willing to work hard and enjoy the various benefits."

David Mosley added: "This event was somewhat of a bitter sweet day for us. While it was great to once again engage with so many youngsters across the region and give them a greater understanding of the careers they could pursue, it was sad as long-standing NASC Health and Safety Committee and ASITO member Mick Shepherd of Complete Access Scaffolding Ltd was not there with us.

“Mick, who passed away unexpectedly earlier this year, was integral to the promotion of this event, fusing his passions of scaffolding, construction, providing careers support to youngsters and rugby into one showcase.

“I am delighted that this annual event continues to grow year-on-year and that through it, Mick’s legacy lives on.”

Brigshaw School was awarded the Mick Shepherd Trophy, presented to the school that most actively embraced the various activities available at the event.

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**Notes to Editors:**

The NASC is the national trade body for access and scaffolding in the UK – established 1945 and now serving a family of 250+ leading contracting firms, scaffolding suppliers and manufacturers.

The Confederation produces a wide range of industry-recognised safety and technical guidance for scaffolding contractors, their operatives and their clients – accepted as the industry standard by HSE, Build UK, CITB & principal contractors alike.

NASC members are strictly audited – ensuring the highest possible standards are met, confirming to our NASC Criteria, Code of Conduct and the Code of Practice for scaffolding products. It’s these high standards of our members’ access solutions that are recognised by construction industry leaders, who continue to stipulate NASC-only companies for access and scaffolding.

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