

## **Altrad Generation to Close Wakefield Training Centre**

The global COVID-19 crisis has created an unprecedented economic environment across all sectors and countries. These challenges have forced us to review our operations and how we continue to serve our customers.

We have explored all options, but with great regret have taken the difficult decision to announce the closure of our Wakefield Training Centre.

We have maintained operations to ensure Wakefield's closure does not impact any delegates who have either started courses or were due to complete their course in recent months. Courses that were halted midway through March this year due to the Covid-19 lockdown were completed under new social distancing guidance during July and August.

We are currently liaising with our training course and apprenticeship partners to help place apprentices with alternative providers. Where possible we have also been contacting learners and employers individually to complete portfolios. This includes internal and external verification so that portfolios can be taken and used elsewhere if needed.

If delegates portfolios are not able to be completed by the time of our planned closure on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, we are contacting known employers to give them the opportunity for collection. We will continue to store any uncollected portfolios for a further six months until February 2021 when they will be destroyed.

Any courses that were paid for and not delivered at any time are being refunded.

Whilst the training centre closes its doors on the 28th August we will retain a dedicated email address training@generationuk.co.uk for any enquiries or questions relating to past delegates.

We are currently reviewing 3<sup>rd</sup> party training vendors to continue providing customer training and support. These discussions are ongoing and will be making a further announcement at the end of this process.

Finally, I would like to thank all our customers, delegates and staff who have attended and continue to support us.



## **About Altrad Generation:**

Altrad Generation is the largest UK supplier of access, scaffolding, groundworks, edge protection, safety and training products for both hire and sale. Headquartered in Oldbury, West Midlands it operates a UK wide branch network and export division.