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NASC New Apprentices Challenge Gains Momentum and Support approaching the Halfway Mark

The NASC President's 'New Apprenticeship Challenge' to create 400 scaffolding apprentices in his two year term has gained momentum recently – with the news that NASC member Access Solutions Scaffolding Ltd has joined the list of 10 other NASC member companies which are sponsoring the challenge's charitable element in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT).

This now means the 11 charity sponsoring NASC member companies are collectively donating £110 to TCT for each new apprentice started by an NASC member up to the target number, potentially raising £44,000 at the end of the challenge in November 2015.

NASC President, Kevin Ward will be announcing the good news and providing an update on the scheme's progress to date at the confederation's AGM in Manchester later this month – one year on from its launch, following his inauguration as President in November 2013. It is hoped that apprentice numbers will be at or over the 200 mark, equating to more than £22,000 raised for The Teenage Cancer Trust, to date, at the halfway point.

Mr Ward said: "I am delighted at the progress so far, in terms of new apprentices being taken on by our members. And I am looking forward to seeing what progress we have made at the halfway point of the initiative. However, regardless of any success in terms of numbers to date, I know there's a long way to go before we can consider the

challenge a success – so I want to encourage all NASC members to continue to recruit new scaffolding apprentices over the coming year.”

He added: “I am very grateful for the generous support and also delighted to welcome Access Solutions Scaffolding Ltd to the growing list of member companies sponsoring the charitable side of this challenge – which is a fantastic and very worthy cause indeed. And should any other members wish to join them by becoming sponsors, they would be very welcome and should initially contact Jamie McGuire at NASC HQ.”

Michelle Aucott, Regional Fundraising Manager for Teenage Cancer Trust, West Midlands said: “We are delighted to have the support of NASC and its sponsor members. The money raised from the New Apprentices Challenge will help support young people with cancer, so they don't have to face their diagnosis alone.”

For details about and updates on the New Apprentices Challenge and Teenage Cancer Trust, please visit [here](#). For more information about becoming an NASC member, or to find out more about TG20:13 and the NASC – the scaffold industry trade body organisation – please visit www.nasc.org.uk or email: enquiries@nasc.org.uk.