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NASC Praised at Access Industry Forum (AIF) Conference

The work of the NASC has been widely praised by speakers and delegates at the recent Access Industry Form (AIF) National Work At Height Conference.

The conference took place at the Holywell Park Conference Centre at Loughborough University on Thursday 13th October and involved around 100 industry professionals and representatives from the 11 AIF member bodies, including leading trade associations and federations involved working at height.

Conference keynote speaker, Phillip White, Head of Operational Policy and Strategy at the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) – who opened the conference, following introductions from AIF – praised AIF members, including the NASC specifically, for helping to "drive up health and safety standards in the work at height sector," and made reference to the importance of the developing use of innovation and technology in the industry, such as the TG20:13 eGuide.

And industry expert, Barney Green, a freelance Technical Advisor who was representing the Association of Project Safety (APS) at the conference also heaped praise on the NASC for the TG20:13 eGuide, which he said was "an absolute game changer for the industry, a fabulous product and the best piece of guidance the NASC has published."

The NASC also had a successful display stand at the event, and handed out the NASC 2016 Safety Report, promotional material and the new CISRS CAP 609 General Information Booklet and 'Have You Got The Right Card?' posters, as well as fielding questions and enquiries from many event delegates.

NASC's Technical and Safety officer, Ken Johnson, who attended the event said: "It was an interesting meeting, well organised, with significant speakers. There have been several attempts over the years to provide an umbrella network for work at height groups, and AIF are doing a superb job of bringing the industry together. They are driving change and ultimately, helping to get those who work at height home safely to their loved ones. This conference has been an excellent step in the right direction, for AIF, as well as for NASC and CISRS, with some very useful dialogue."

NASC Marketing consultant, Phil Royle added: "This has been an excellent

and most useful event – with lively, engaging and informative expert speakers discussing a wide variety of work at height topics.

"It has also recognised how valuable the work that NASC and CISRS are doing is in the work at height and scaffolding sectors. To be praised highly by fellow industry professionals is indeed an honour. And we are delighted to be recognised for the good work our council, committee and staff members do – year in, year out – helping to make the scaffolding industry a safer place to work, through regulation, innovation and training."

The NASC recently re-joined the Access Industry Forum (AIF) – the UK's leading platform for principal trade bodies and federations in the work at height sector – with effect from 1 July 2016. This conference was the first event NASC and CISRS have been involved with since rejoining.

For details about the NASC – the UK scaffolding industry trade body – including becoming an NASC member and for details about the NASC Scaffolding Specification Document, new biennial scaffolding product innovation award, to order copies of the SG4:You 2015 pocket guide, information on the latest Safety (SG) and Technical (TG) guidance, or to order a TG20:13 full suite, please visit <u>www.nasc.org.uk</u> or email: <u>enquiries@nasc.org.uk</u>. And To obtain a copy of CAP 609, or the new cards poster or to find out more about CISRS, please visit www.cisrs.org.uk or email enquiries@cisrs.org.uk.