

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NEW SYSTEM APPRENTICESHIP ANNOUNCED**

CISRS-accredited training provider Simian has launched a new system scaffolding apprenticeship scheme in collaboration with Layher.

The Layher Allround scheme will start early next year with candidates progressing to become qualified Layher Scaffolders two years later.

To launch the initiative, Simian is hosting two apprentice assessment days; one at its Warrington centre (on Monday 30 November) and the other at the Waltham Forest centre (on Thursday 3 December).

The assessment days will be used to provide information on how the scheme works on what the various parties can expect from one another, and to assess the suitability of candidates to enter the apprenticeship programme and will include an assessment of their ability in English and Maths.

Speaking of the new scheme, Simon Hughes, MD at Simian, said: "We're really pleased that our proposed Layher apprenticeship programme is starting to gain traction and it's another very exciting addition to the scaffolding training courses that we deliver.

"In terms of Layher, there will now be three routes to becoming qualified, and the apprenticeship programme will add to the existing traditional part one and two routes and the System Scaffold Product Training Scheme (SSPTS) route.

"It's vital that we get the support of Layher users for this initiative, so I'd like to personally ask Layher-using employers and would-be apprentices to consider this route. We're very hopeful that the Government apprentice incentive scheme grant of up to £2,000 per employee, in addition to any other grants that are payable, will encourage sign ups.

"This means that in addition to the financial benefit, employers will also receive the benefit of an upskilled workforce."

Dave Mosley, NASC Director for Training and CISRS Managing Director, added: "It's great to see Simian and Layher, both CISRS accredited training providers and NASC members, come together on this course.

"This apprenticeship provides scaffolding contractors across the country with another CISRS-approved scaffolder training option and as such we're delighted it will soon be offered."

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**Notes to Editors:**

The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) has been the industry recognised scaffold training scheme for over 40 years.

It is the preferred scaffolding qualification of all the major organisations including CSCS, NASC, HSE, Build UK, UNITE and the largest scaffold systems manufacturers.

The scheme, established in the 1960s, has 66,000+ CISRS card holders in the UK & 6,500+ OSTS card holders overseas.

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