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The NASC membership audit and application process is now accredited to SSIP.

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CPD IS LIVE: TWO DAY MANDATORY CPD COURSES PRIOR TO RENEWAL OF SCAFFOLDING CARDS

"HSE welcomes the introduction of this into the CISRS scheme... it will have a positive effect, particularly for those who may not have received any formal training for years."
Ray Cooke, Head of Construction Sector Safety Unit, HSE

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CISRS
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
SCAFFOLDERS RECORD SCHEME

NASC now SSIP accredited

The NASC is now a registered member of Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP). The decision to apply for SSIP accreditation was made earlier this year on the basis that it would add real value to the membership, and over the summer a plan was implemented by the NASC to achieve accreditation.

A working party consisting of NASC president Alan Lilley, Audit Committee chairman Mel Archer, auditor Alastair Mackenzie, and membership manager Jamie McGuire along with external consultant Darren Male of Quensh Consultancy, was set up to review the Health & Safety section of the NASC audit process and make the necessary improvements in order to comply with PAS 91 Criteria, which is the standard for construction related procurement and pre-qualification questionnaires.

As part of the improvements required by SSIP, the audit process was moved entirely online to make the submission of information easier for the contracting company, and easier for NASC to assess the information.

Following successful audit by SSIP and subsequent integration of information to the SSIP portal, membership was confirmed last month.



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High profile speakers for NASC AGM and ball

Business woman and co-star of BBC television programme 'The Apprentice' Karren Brady will be one of two speakers at the Annual General Meeting and ball. Brady built her career in the male dominated world of football and is a champion for women in business, skills and diversity. Her appearance at the AGM hints at the NASC's key objectives under new president, Des Moore. As in the wider construction industry, the scaffolding sector has a poor record in attracting women into both on and offsite roles, and also faces challenges in attracting and retaining skilled young people. She will also present the NASC Apprentice of the Year Award.



Karren Brady

The evening event will also feature Mohed Altrad, the Syrian-born French entrepreneur, founder and chief executive of the Altrad Group. Altrad has faced many of the challenges and opportunities that the business owners in the NASC frequently contend with. As a successful entrepreneur who has made a considerable investment in the UK, his appearance reflects the NASC's commitment to helping its members of all sizes grow their businesses. During the evening he will also present the new Project of the Year Award.



Mohed Altrad

CISRS Advanced Accreditation for AIS Training

AIS Training has successfully completed its accreditation audit for CISRS Advanced Training, making it a fully accredited Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme Provider.

The accreditation provides scaffolders in the Tyneside, Wearside, Durham and Northumberland regions with local provision for the full range of CISRS courses from Scaffolding Labourer, Apprenticeships to Advanced Scaffolder in addition to inspection, Supervisory and CPD/refresher training.

Paul Attrill, head of training and education at AIS Training, said: "We are delighted to receive this approval from CISRS. Recent reports show the construction sector is suffering huge skills shortages, with scaffolding cited as a key area. Our scaffolding centre is tackling these shortages by providing high quality, industry approved training from basic through to the highest levels. We have delivered hundreds of commercial courses for businesses across the region and have successfully trained 39 scaffolding apprentices, with another 78 on our books. Scaffolding really is a phenomenal success story for AIS Training."

AIS has offered a wide range of Industrial and Offshore related training across the UK, with locations in Humberside and Aberdeen. The courses on offer are endorsed by the world's leading trade associations including IRATA, OPITO, SPRAT, MCA, IOSH, ECITB, Complex, GWO and RenewableUK.

More recently AIS has concentrated on developing its scaffolding training provision via CISRS accreditation. Investing more than £1million in the past 18 months, it has created a first rate facility at its centre in North Shields.

CISRS Accreditation auditor, Trevor Donoghue adds: "AIS Training has developed a fantastic facility for scaffolding skills here in the North East. The centre is now accredited to deliver the full suite of CISRS scaffolding courses from basic through to advanced qualifications and inspections. This is a fantastic asset for local companies, where they can get all the training they need to keep their teams safe and competent."

AIS continues to seek additional funding in order to help subsidise the cost of CISRS training and has recently offered several fully funded CPD refresher courses for locally based scaffolding companies and their staff.



Trevor Donoghue of CISRS (L) and Paul Attrill of AIS

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CISRS

Established in the 1960s, CISRS is the industry scaffold training scheme with 60,000+ UK card holders & 4,500+ Overseas.
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