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E-cosse Monthly Update

Welcome to E-cosse, the NFRC Scotland Monthly update e-newsletter.

Chairman's Note

The Scottish Region is busy planning for the next with the NFRC Scottish Roofing Contractor of the Year Awards Luncheon taking place on 26 October at The Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow. The new online application form is expected to be issued in the near future and I encourage all members to submit entries.

The Federation continues to be at the forefront of promoting construction as a career of choice to school children while raising the profile of the career opportunities to teachers. We have numerous events planned for 2018 and hope that we are able to encourage the next generation of roofers.

Members should have received their folder for the National AGM which will take place in London on 11 May. For those wishing to vote but unable to attend the AGM, details of how to submit a Proxy Vote are included in the folder with the deadline for doing so being midday on 9 May. Anyone wanting additional details is ask to email our Secretary at: fss-ltd@btconnect.com

Traditional Building Skills Demonstrations 2018

The NFRC continues to work with likeminded organisations to raise the profile of traditional building careers including roof slating and lead roofing. We have numerous such events planned for 2018 working with local authorities, CITB Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland, colleges, city heritage trusts/conservation area regeneration schemes and others.

The most recent event took place on Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow and was attended by over 100 school pupils and teachers who received mini-masterclasses in roof slating, roof lead-work and other trades.

The event was also attended by Sandra White MSP who has been a long-term supporter of these events, she is even showing some promise in some of the trades!!

Sandra also kindly submitted a Scottish Parliamentary Motion acknowledging the event and all those involved in organising it, including the NFRC.



Motion S5M-12045: Sandra White, Glasgow Kelvin, Scottish National Party, Date Lodged: 02/05/2018

Sauchiehall Street Host to Traditional Building Skills



That the Parliament welcomes the Traditional Building Skills event, which was held on Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow on 30 April and 1 May 2018, and which featured apprentices demonstrating traditional building skills, including masonry, slate roofing, joinery, roof lead-work and painting and decorating; recognises that the event was a collaboration organised through the Glasgow Traditional Building Forum and included the Glasgow City Heritage Trust, the **National Federation of Roofing Contractors**, the West Scotland College, the City of Glasgow College, the Stone Federation Great Britain, Historic Environment Scotland, the Scottish Contractors Group, Glasgow City Council, Developing the Young Workforce Glasgow, the Glasgow School of Art, The Willow Tea Rooms and CITB Scotland; notes that the primary purpose of the event was to allow pupils from nine Glasgow schools across the city to try the traditional building trades being demonstrated by local apprentices to provide a platform to promote the construction industry and the many varied and desirable career paths that it can offer as well as to highlight the importance of traditional building skills in the construction sector; further notes that it was also open to members of the public to seek advice, and welcomes the ongoing work of all partner agencies to draw attention to the necessity for traditional building skills and, in turn, help to create a hi-tech, world-class industry with outstanding career prospects, helping companies to skill-proof their businesses, invest in skills and plan for the future.

We have also recently delivered a similar event in Kilwinning Academy and would like to thank **GMG Contractors** for representing the NFRC at that event and **D M Roofing & Roughcasting** for representing the NFRC in Glasgow.

Diary Dates

18 May 2018 NFRC Scotland/IoR Scotland Golf Day—Kirkintilloch Golf Club

26 October 2018 **NFRC Scottish Roofing Contractor of the Year Awards Luncheon**—The Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow





Up to £10,000 additional funding available to CITB Levy registered in-scope employers with up to 99 employees, via the Flexible Skills & Training Fund.

As a member of the NFRC you are automatically enrolled in IRT Scotland for roof related training. As such, we are writing to inform you of the funding opportunities available to you as a CITB levy payer.

Funding is available in the following ranges;
1 to 49 employees - up to £5000.00
50 – 75 employees – up to £7500.00
76 – 99 employees – up to £10,000.00

This fund is available to all registered, in-scope employers regardless of registration date. Skills and training funding provides an extra incentive to small employers to deliver construction training which align with CITB's [grant scheme](#). This funding also supports training interventions in management & leadership.

Since January this year IRT Scotland have seen an increase on the number of members taking up this opportunity and can confirm a further 4 members have all been successful and have received the £5k Skills and Training Fund.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO TO GET THIS “FREE” MONEY?

apply online at www.citb.co.uk/funding/how-to-apply-for-funding/guidance-notes-skills-and-training

Feedback from Members that have been successful

‘The application process took me 15 minutes to complete from start to finish, what does help is having a list of training that your Company wants to do over the next 12 months and list the training providers and costs of training and how/why this funding will help benefit your Business’.

‘It’s a straightforward process and the £5k will go a long way in helping my Business meet it’s training requirements, definitely worth taking the time to do’.

The next window for applications is open.

NFRC Scotland Committee Meeting

The NFRC Scottish Committee met on 16 April in Edinburgh UK to discuss a very full agenda for the Federation both in Scotland and across the UK.

Interest in joining the Federation remained strong and appeared to be driven by local authorities and other client groups stipulating NFRC membership as a condition to tender for projects.

The Federation continued to progress its Triennial Inspection programme. This ensures that all members continue to meet the high standards required of membership which in turn allows us to promote the use of members to external stakeholders and client groups. It also gives us another method of communication with members so we can accurately reflect members views in Scotland.

The Federation continues to work with external stakeholders on areas of mutual interest. This included the Federation delivering a CPD on on “Roof Structure – Timber Defects” at the RICS Survey in Practice Roadshow event in Glasgow.

The Federation has delivered roofing CPDs to numerous local authorities, RICS, individual surveying and architectural practices, Architecture & Design Scotland and others. The aim being to highlight best practice in roofing to assist external partners make informed decision for their roofing requirements.

The Federation also presented at a Property Repair Seminar in Perth which had numerous surveyors, architects, local authority representatives as well as homeowners and was aimed at helping them determine what, and how, repairs were required. Other presenters included Perth & Kinross City Heritage Trust, Scottish Government and Historic Environment Scotland.

NFRC Scotland continues to organise key social events and is looking forward to building on the success of last year’s NFRC Scottish Roofing Contractor of the Year Awards luncheon and Dinner Dance. The next event being the region’s golf day on 18 May at Kirkintilloch Golf Club where there will be a wide range of prizes including winning a car for a hole in one on a specified hole. This is a joint event with the Institute of Roofing in Scotland.

