

Veka Speaks Up At Fabricator Forum

Veka Group representatives took part in the inaugural Fabricators' Forum, hosted by the British Fenestration Rating Council (BFRC) as part of the its initiative to make more people aware of the benefits of adopting the 'rainbow rating' for energy efficiency.

The day consisted of five presentations tailored towards fabricators, followed by open forums in front of five professional panels. Key topics of the day included Marketing, Legislation and Regulation, Data Usage and Protection, Testing and Certification, and Skills and Training, all within fenestration.

A question from host Paul Godwin prompted Neil Evans (pictured) Veka Group Sales Director, to take to the mic. "At

Veka, January genuinely has been excellent, with no slowing down from 2018. To back this up, we have customers who say they're booked up until at least June as well. It's not always easy to say exactly why the industry is doing better or worse at any given time, but for us, we believe that the commercial side of business is playing a huge role in our current success – particularly after the devastating events of Grenfell has been – quite rightly – a cause for large buildings to be refurbished and renovated, in line with legislation and regulation."

After the event, Evans added: "I hope people found the BFRC's Fabricator Forum to be valuable. We enjoyed the day and it was very well attended. Events like



this help to ensure that everyone in the industry is 'up to speed' on the latest developments, and that can only be a good thing. Much like with our own Independent Network events, it's good for companies to get together and learn with (and from) each other." [i](#)

Scholes Steps Up To New Role

Simon Scholes, who has driven the £8 million move and expansion of Veka Recycling Ltd to its new site in Wellingborough, has been appointed as the company's MD

Scholes has been involved with PVC-U recycling since 2007 and serves as Chair of the Rigid Plastic Recycling Group of the British Plastics Federation (BPF). He believes that the growth of recycling of virgin and post consumer and industrial PVC-U is essential for the prosperity of the UK window and door industry: "Whilst single use plastics con-

tinue to receive negative publicity worldwide, we have an excellent record of re-processing PVC-U in Europe and especially in the UK. Last year the PVC recycling industry recycled almost 80,000 tonnes in the UK alone.

"But we have to continue working towards the day when 100% of windows and doors removed become new products, whilst most virgin offcuts are already recycled into new profiles. Our long-term strategy at Veka Recycling is to promote and develop recycling as standard process for every window fabricator and installer in this country, as well as working towards the day when every PVC-U window installed will contain a significant percentage of recycled material."

Scholes has steered the firm from its original Kent site, having identified and negotiated the new 5.7 acre facility that is set to become Europe's most advanced recycler of PVC-U windows and doors. A wholly owned subsidiary of Veka Umwelttechnik GmbH, the Wellingborough facility will add to the already impressive 75,000 tonnes (the equivalent of 4.5m windows) of PVC-U windows recycled annually by the Veka Recycling Group, a figure that is set to grow significantly when the plant becomes fully self-sufficient during the course of 2019. [i](#)



PVC-U Recycling Facility in Belgium



Deceuninck Group has put a new recycling facility into service at its recycling and compounding site in Diksmuide, Belgium.

The brand new high-tech recycling line will allow Deceuninck to recycle up to 45,000 tonnes of PVC-U a year. Input material will be sourced from post-industrial waste collection (own scrap and customers off-cuts), as well as from the huge amount of 30-40 year old first generation PVC-U windows which are gradually being replaced.

The installation will enable Deceuninck to recycle PVC-U profiles of all colours and of all different compositions, including those containing glass-fibre. During the recycling process, all contaminations are removed, grinded and sorted by colour. After granulation, the recycled material, which is a perfect alternative to virgin material, is used for the extrusion of new PVC-U window profiles. **i**

Nordic's Q- Secure With VBH



Nordic Aluminium is the latest fabricator to become a 'Q-secure approved' manufacturer. This latest development means the company can now pass on the benefits of VBH's multi-brand security guarantee to its customers.

Nordic has been a VBH customer for two years and is impressed with VBH's products and the service. Graham Howatson, Nordic's Operations Director, comments: "We've formed a mutually beneficial relationship with VBH which I put down to quality products and excellent service and support. We particularly like the greenteQ CentreFold locking shoot bolt handle with its folding integral key. Leaving the key in the lock risks damaging the door or losing the key, but with CentreFold there's no risk of that happening. VBH also offers colour coded hardware so we can match the colour to the door, a nice feature which helps our sales. **i**

Win Your Windows Back Continued ...

A couple from County Durham have had a fantastic start to 2019 as they became the third winners of the Win Your Windows Back competition from Saint-Gobain Building Glass, winning over £3,000 to cover the cost of their new Planitherm windows.

Saint-Gobain Building Glass is currently running its quarterly Win Your Windows Back competition, where entrants have the chance to win up to £10,000 towards the cost of new high-performance windows, to mark the launch of its revitalised Planitherm Network.

Derek and Carolyn Winter from Seaham in County Durham live in a listed building; built in 1745 with an adjoining cottage built 10 years ago. They spent £3291.60 for a new double sash window for their kitchen from ERW Joinery Ltd and became the third winners of the quarterly prize draw.

