

Building Our Skills – Corgi



CORGI Fenestration has announced its sponsorship of the new Building Our Skills initiative from GQA Qualifications. Building Our Skills is a strategic initiative designed to help bridge the widening skills gap which is developing in the fenestration industry. Its primary objective is to encourage new entrants to join the industry, and to develop their skills through qualifications and training.

“CORGI Fenestration is strongly supportive of this initiative from our qualifications partner GQA Qualifications,” commented CORGI Fenestration CEO, Chris Mayne. “We agree with GQA that it is vital for the fenestration industry to make itself an attractive employment option for school leavers and career changers. This starts to address the skills gap in our sector – and also strongly promotes qualifications and ongoing training which we believe is vital.”

The Building Our Skills initiative is officially launched on 1st June.

Building Our Skills will be a place where young people, and those wishing to change careers can learn about the Fenestration industry and what makes it attractive as a career choice. It will detail:

- The workstreams and career pathways available within the industry.
- The career progression opportunities within each workstream.
- The financial opportunities within each workstream.
- How those joining the industry can gain access to qualifications and structured on-going training programmes.
- Job opportunities available to new entrants to the industry.
- How new entrants can undertake personal and professional development over the life-span of their career in the industry.

The campaign will demonstrate to parents, potential new young employees and career changers how the fenestration industry has a modern and innovative outlook, is highly technical and offers opportunities for all skill levels. For further information about the new CORGI Fenestration Installer Scheme visit: corgifenestration.co.uk 

Halo customer, Aztec Windows is celebrating 30 successful years in business this year. The Coventry company has built up a loyal clientele of both trade and domestic customers over the last three decades.

Michael Hagan explains: “We’re very proud to be celebrating this milestone, especially in such a competitive sector, where lots of window and door companies have come and gone over the years.

“I think the secret to our success has been that we have adapted with the marketplace and not hesitated in following our instincts. In 2006, we went from being an installation company – to being a fabricator, and haven’t looked back. We maintained the same commitment to quality, and so our reputation for attention-to-detail thrived.

“We have been a Halo customer since 1996, first as an installation company and now as a fabricator. The systems have evolved over the years, as have we. Being an installer helps us a lot when it comes to our product range. We had seen the type of windows and doors that homeowners were requesting and our move into fabrication meant that we could provide these bespoke solutions for ourselves.

“Veka Group has been a great partner for us, as Halo systems have allowed us to create windows that have all the energy efficiency benefits of PVC-U, but look like timber. Our ‘Prestige Collection has gained recognition throughout the industry for being a great timber alternative, and our new small composite door, Tinidor is gaining ground too. We’re proud that products like these have set us head and shoulders above the competition.” 



The Very Best Of British



Installer support organisation Independent Network (powered by Veka) is putting the final plans into place for its ever-popular members' weekend.

The event will be held on Saturday 16th June 2018 at the Chesford Grange Hotel in Warwickshire and is backed by a host of sponsors.

Head of Partner Programmes Karen Lund explains: "We're always encouraging member companies to come together for training events and such, to discuss business, share ideas and celebrate their success, and the 'big event' on the IN calendar is the Members' Weekend. This annual event has always gone down a storm, as it combines a valuable, business-boosting afternoon with a celebratory, black-tie awards evening.

"The day's attendees will get the chance to visit the Affiliate Business Centre and discuss the great products and services available through IN's affiliate partners. There are 18 affiliates exhibiting so far, covering topics such as qualifications, health and safety, legal advice, hardware and associated installer products.

"Guests will then attend the AGM to hear all the latest developments and marketing news from the organisation. This year, the conference will be hosted by Business Consultant Specialist Jeff Grout, who is listed among the 100 best business speakers in Britain.

"Later, we'll be joined by Football Presenter Chris Kamara to present the evening's awards at the black-tie Gala Dinner. The regional results have, as always, proved to be incredibly close, so it will be exciting to see who claims the trophies for this year.

"As these awards celebrate the successes of our finest IN members up and down the country, we thought that the 'Best of British' would be a very apt theme ...and it will give us all the chance to try a host of specially selected gins, beers, wine and whisky while we dance the night away!" [i](#)

FIT Show is hoping to continue its award-winning streak after being shortlisted for two prestigious AEO Awards.

The event organisers have been recognised as finalists in both the 'Best UK Trade Show (more than 8000sqm)' and 'Marketing Campaign of the Year - Trade' categories for the prestigious industry awards.

FIT Show's shortlisting comes hot on the heels of the team's success at the Exhibition News Awards, where the show took home the coveted 'Best Trade Show Marketing Campaign' gong in March.

Taking place at London's Grosvenor House (Friday 15th June) the AEO Awards will bring together the great and good of the events industry to celebrate organisers' achievements, standards of excellence from venues and service quality by suppliers and contractors. [i](#)



Morley Glass & Glazing has sponsored the 7th Annual North Leeds Charity Beer Festival, which this year raised more than £7,000 to fund worthwhile projects in Leeds, as well as nationally and even worldwide.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Roundhay, this year's annual community charity fundraising festival debuted a gin bar alongside the 35 real ales from seven breweries and seven ciders. As always, the fine selection of real ale, cider and gin was complemented by pork pies and vegetable samosas, as well as a fantastic programme of local bands.

The Lord Mayor of Leeds Cllr Jane Dowson, (pictured with MD Ian Short) who stopped by to visit the event on Saturday 7th April, praised the work the festival has funded in the local community. [i](#)