

Training with GRACE

The Glass and Glazing Federation has launched an online training platform. Its aim, according to the federation is to help both organisations and individuals demonstrate and prove competencies across a range of skills and knowledge. The platform forms part of a dynamic learning management system (LMS) that will facilitate an ongoing log of training credentials, competencies and individual achievements.

The GGF has worked closely with Nucleus Learning, one of the UK's leading training software platforms, to develop the delivery of the courses alongside GRACE – an acronym for glazing resources and career education. GRACE is also an avatar that will appear throughout each of the courses to increase engagement and deepen learning.

“Our end goal is not just to help organisations build safely, but ultimately to leave a safe building,” says GGF technical officer and training manager John Mannell. “There is such a



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complexity of different organisations working within industry accreditations and certifications that it can sometimes be difficult to align expectations. We have taken out the guesswork and created a system that is not just failsafe but empowers individuals and teams to progress proactively through their own learnings.” □

Sustainability commitments

ERA and Zoo have recently appointed a new procurement director. Steven Holt will lead the continuous development of product procurement, processes and sustainability commitments across the organisations.

Holt has more than three decades experience in various areas within the hardware industry and has also worked across numerous roles within both UK businesses since 2019.

Holt says: “It is a role that develops in line with changes in the wider market – new legislation and performance standards are always presenting new opportunities and whilst I can rely on previous product and market knowledge, I am constantly learning



Steven Holt

about how these changes impact my specific role and the wider business operation.

“Subjects such as sustainability and supply chain resilience are now at the forefront of our supplier selections, so it's important to build the right partnerships with suppliers to ensure we can build the right solutions together.

“For us, it's essential that we have a resilient supply chain that shares our values and ethos – so there's also a real interpersonal aspect to the role which will always be important to me.” □

First time at FIT



Andy Meakin (R) with FIT director Nickie West

Kenrick has announced it will be exhibiting for the first time at FIT Show 2025.

Andy Meakin, sales and marketing manager at Kenrick, says: “We are delighted to be exhibiting at FIT next year. It is the highlight of the industry calendar, bringing together customers, prospective customers and suppliers under one roof and we are looking forward to making our debut appearance.”

Nickie West, FIT Show event

director, says: “It is always exciting when a brand makes its FIT Show debut. Whilst Kenricks will be a familiar name to many it is the first time our visitors will be able to see the brand, its team and products at the event”.

Meakin says: “As the oldest hardware business in the industry, we're proud to be showing the very latest in smart locking security innovation. It will be a must-visit for any fabricator or installer looking to stay ahead of industry trends.” □