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PASMA in the fast lane

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PASMA focus

In 2008 PASMA has become one of the fastest growing trade associations in the work at height sector, with over 50,000 delegates passing through its training programme for the safe use of mobile access towers. 2008 also saw the introduction of the association's new low level access training course, the launch of new tower inspection guidance - including posters and PocketCards - and, most significantly, a move to new premises in Glasgow city centre, the association's first dedicated headquarters.

Calls to the 0845 230 4041 telephone number, and all membership-related matters, are now handled in Glasgow by Karen O'Neill and her newly recruited team of June Couttie (administration assistant) and Suzie Macfarlane (payroll and accounts assistant). More new appointments are planned for early in 2009.

PASMA's new headquarters are located at 19 Woodside Crescent, an old townhouse in the heart of the city, which includes a spacious meeting room and well appointed offices.

Throughout 2008 PASMA continued to raise the standard for its novice instructors through its innovative mentoring scheme. As a result, the association now has 16 lead instructors located strategically throughout the UK and Ireland.

Continuing professional development was a major theme during the year and CPD is now an integral part of the way in which the association ensures its members and trainers are kept abreast of the latest legislation, trends and developments.

"2008 was a landmark year for PASMA," says Peter Bennett, the association's managing director. "New member recruitment and

training centre registration remained strong, and training delegate throughput reached record levels."

"There is no doubt that for many people, because of the reputation of the PASMA training course, no other proof of competence will do."

"We have also seen a marked shift towards the use of towers in industry sectors other than construction, particularly in cleaning, facilities management and factory maintenance, as managers look to improve employee safety while working at height."

With members throughout the UK, and now Ireland, supported by an increasingly extensive network of PASMA training centres, the association remains a leading member of the Access Industry Forum (AIF) and a key contributor to Access Live and the Access Village at the annual Safety & Health Expo at the NEC in Birmingham in May.



PASMA at Safety & Health Expo 2009



The association will again be represented at this year's **Safety & Health Expo** at the **National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, 12-14 May**.

As part of the Access Industry Forum, it will contribute to Access Live, provide speakers for the Working at Height Seminar Theatre and offer 'best practice' help and guidance via its stand in the Access Village.

Any member wishing to propose a paper for the theatre is invited to contact **Karen O'Neill** on 0845 230 4041.

Access in action

Freelancer joins training committee

Alan Hobbs has become the first freelance training instructor to join PASMA's official training committee. He is the first person to fill the vacancy which was created in 2008 to give a voice on the committee to the many freelance instructors now delivering PASMA training courses.



Alan Hobbs represents freelance training instructors on the PASMA training committee.

Lead instructors

PASMA now has 16 lead instructors serving the UK and Ireland.

In Ireland:

Dave Dagger and Mike O'Shea

In Scotland:

Chris Smith and Karen Fitzpatrick

In Northern England:

John Fidoe, Carl Evans, Mick Aston and Warren Bradbury

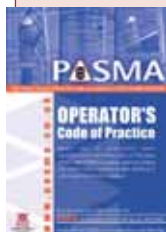
In Wales and the Midlands:

Geoff Carr, Alan Hobbs, George Reid and Lee Choat

In Southern England:

Jason Woods, George Lopez, Michael Tordoff and Jack Robinson
Mike O'Shea, Carl Evans, Warren Bradbury and Alan Hobbs are the latest recruits to the team.

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