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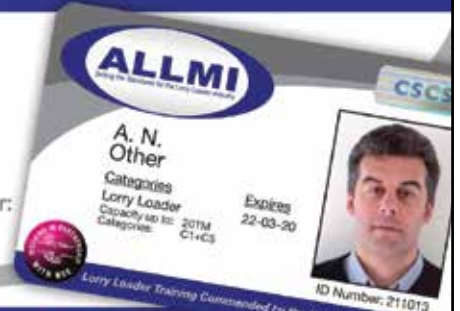
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# Tower Safety Week returns

This year's PASMA Tower Safety Week will run from 13th to the 17th November and showcase the safety and versatility of what is now a universally popular piece of access equipment. Mobile access towers are used in many different industry sectors - construction, building maintenance, cleaning, facilities management and the utilities to name just a few - for which they provide a safe and effective means of gaining access to work at height. Tower Safety Week will mirror these applications and put the spotlight firmly on safety.



For the first time PASMA is seeking support for the annual initiative from both members and non-members alike. By visiting a dedicated Tower Safety Week website, potential supporters can take advantage of a purpose produced marketing toolkit and asset pack containing infographics and guidance designed to promote height safety in general and tower safety in particular.

In addition, PASMA manufacturing members will run BS 1139-6 CPD Open Days for PASMA instructors, training members will deliver toolbox talks on tower safety, and hire and assembly members will aim to go even higher and raise even more money for charity via the High Tower Challenge.

The foam hands will also make a return this year for the Tower Selfie contest! More information about Tower Safety Week can be found at [www.towerweek.pasma.org.uk](http://www.towerweek.pasma.org.uk)



## PASMA appoints new head of technical support

PASMA has appointed John Darby, 34, to the newly created post of head of technical support. He joins the trade association after 10 years with the Youngman Group where he was UK manufacturing engineering manager.

After graduating Darby joined the engineering department of fire and security specialists Elmdene International based in Portsmouth. In 2007 he moved to the Youngman Group - now Werner UK Operations - as a design engineer. In 2010 he was appointed technical manager, then operations manager and finally UK manufacturing engineering manager in 2015. Throughout this period he was directly involved in developing new and innovative products for the access industry.

Since 2015 Darby has also been chairman of PASMA's Technical Committee. He also sits on B514/24 the UK Tower Standards Committee and TC53/WG4, the European Committee responsible for revising EN 1004, the Europe wide product standard for mobile access towers.

Born in Colchester but now living in Ipswich, PASMA's new head of technical support is married with two young children. His interests include engines, cars and generally 'anything greasy'. He says: "My 10 years with Youngman have been extremely rewarding and enjoyable. I now look forward to working at the heart of the industry and helping shape the future direction, work and role of the association and supporting its many members."

Darby will report directly to PASMA technical director, Don Aers, who added: "John's knowledge and experience of the tower industry will be invaluable to the association. Virtually all his working life has been devoted to designing and developing towers to improve their safety, flexibility and effectiveness."



John Darby



Gillian Rutter (L) and Siobhan Donnelly

## PASMA teams up with IIRSM

The association has signed a memorandum of understanding with the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM), the professional home for everyone who manages risk. It provides practical resources, support, advice and education to everyone who manages risk to benefit people, society, governments and business. The institute has 8,000 members globally.

In developing an already supportive partnership in the UK, United Arab Emirates and Qatar, the memorandum is primarily designed to drive forward key areas of collaboration that will directly benefit the membership base of each party. The agreement was signed in London by IIRSM president, Siobhan Donnelly, and PASMA's Gillian Rutter. Also in attendance were Phillip Pearson, the IIRSM chief executive, and PASMA's managing director Peter Bennett.

## Manchester Dialogue

Jason Carlton



Over two days of Health & Safety North at Event City, Manchester, PASMA's head of strategic engagement and communications, Jason Carlton, fielded questions from an audience of more than 200 people in the Safety Dialogue Theatre. Organised by Chris Shaw, editor of Health & Safety Matters magazine, the theatre provided attendees with a unique opportunity to 'join the debate' and contribute directly to discussing the topic of the day - in this case, working at height and fall protection.



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