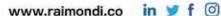




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Schools Experience Day debut

The CPA hosted its first Schools Experience Day to give secondary school pupils an insight into the construction equipment sector and the career opportunities available. The 'Can U Dig It? Yes U Can' event, which was hosted at the Heart of England Conference Centre near Coventry, was attended by more than 100 students, teachers and careers advisors from schools in the Coventry, Birmingham, Warwick and surrounding areas.

Attractions included a 40 tonne Liebherr All Terrain crane provided by Berry Cranes, an AK46-6000 truck crane from Böcker UK, a tower crane cab simulator and loader crane from Falcon Cranes and an aerial work platform virtual reality simulator provided by IPAF. Operators were on hand to demonstrate the equipment and supporters of the event also



brought along current and former apprentices so students could talk to them about their experiences in the industry. The event concluded with a 'Meet the Professional' Q&A session where students and teachers had the opportunity to address those working in the industry.

Chief executive Kevin Minton said: "Our research has highlighted the difficulties associated with recruiting young people to the construction plant sector and this event is one of the ways in which we are looking to address this. The event presented an exciting opportunity for us to increase knowledge and understanding of the construction plant sector amongst local schools and to help influence future employment and career choices.





"This was an initial taster event and our intention is to explore how we can replicate it, expand it even further and carry out future schools events in conjunction with CPA members in other parts of the

country. Our aim is to become more outward facing and visible to the young people who will become the operators, engineers and controllers of the future and occupy other roles in the industry.

GLA to remove Block Exemption for cranes

The Greater London Authority (GLA) has required construction sites to control emissions from diesel engine construction equipment since 2015. There has been a block exemption for All Terrain cranes from the requirement for stage IIIB engines in central London and Canary Wharf. The block exemption was allowed from 2015 because the GLA agreed that cranes equipped with Stage IIIB engines were not available in large numbers in the UK supply chain, and the FEM had advised against retrofit on mobile cranes. It now says that it has evidence to suggest that this block exemption is no longer required, and that sufficient cranes with stage IIIB engines are now available to meet demand. When the CPA surveyed its members, the evidence showed that the supply of stage IIIB and more recent cranes would be sufficient to meet the demand from 2019.

The GLA therefore plans to remove the block exemption, initially it said that this would take effect from 2019, however the change has now been brought forward. The GLA will still allow sites to apply for exemption for individual cranes on a case by case basis, so the revised policy effectively

only changes the procedure for applying for exemption - at least for now. Further changes are proposed in 2020, and CPA will be meeting with the GLA to discuss and agree the Exemption Policy in advance of implementation.



Helping raise safety standards for crane and lifting operations

The CPA supported the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) Crane Safety 2018 seminar in London on 12th September while the CPA's technical consultant Tim Watson chaired this year's event which is designed to help raise safety standards for crane and lifting operations. The seminar presents the opportunity to learn industry best practice and how organisations can address the challenges of risk and incident reduction, cost savings versus maintenance and compliance with safety legislation.



