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NASC signs time to change employer pledge

The NASC has joined more than 900 organisations across the UK in signing the Time to Change Employer Pledge. In signing the pledge, NASC managing director Robin James has further sealed the confederation's commitment to changing how we think and act about mental health in the workplace. This commitment forms part of the NASC's Head for Heights campaign, aimed at changing how mental health is approached and acted upon in the scaffolding industry.

Robin James said: "Mental health is a huge issue in the scaffolding and access industry but sadly one that often goes by unnoticed. By signing the Time to Change Employer Pledge we are doing our bit to raise awareness of the need to change attitudes towards mental health and wellbeing in

the industry. As the voice of the scaffolding industry, we encourage other scaffolding industry companies to follow suit."

NASC president Des Moore - the chief executive of member company the TRAD group - which has also signed the pledge - added: "It is crucial that we shine a greater spotlight on mental health and wellbeing in our industry and encourage more people to speak out without stigma or prejudice if they feel like they need support. A broken bone is obvious. However, an individual can easily hide a mental health problem. This is a safety risk factor not just for them, but also their teammates working in a dynamic but also - as we all know - very demanding environment."

NASC and CISRS speak at Chinese scaffold conference

The NASC and CISRS were represented at a major two day scaffolding conference in China. The Construction Material Rental Contractor Association (CMRA) event, held in Tianjin, drew more than 600 delegates from across the country.

NASC director and CISRS scheme manager David Mosley was invited to attend the event as a keynote, speaker. He gave a presentation on the role of the NASC in establishing best practice and producing guidance not only for its members but the industry as a whole. He also gave an overview of the UK CISRS scheme and CISRS Overseas Scaffolder Training Scheme and explained how having a regulated industry and a recognised training scheme had made the UK scaffolding sector a much safer place. After the presentation, he took part in a panel discussion aimed at exploring what advice the UK representatives could give to help improve the scaffolding sector in China.

Andy Sharp, senior scaffold instructor at Simian Skill, also attended the event and gave an interactive, hands on tool box talk on SG4:15 Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations.

CMRA president Yu Naiqiu said: "We would like to thank our guests from the UK for sharing some of the good practice relating to safety and training with us, it was very informative and a really positive experience."

Strong boost for NASC'S charitable donations

NASC members helped raise substantial funds for charity last year, allowing presentations to be made at the association's 2018 Ball & Awards evening held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa in Edinburgh last month. The amount donated was more than triple the levels raised the previous year, allowing NASC president Des Moore to present the Lighthouse Club Construction Industry Charity and Demelza Hospice Care for Children with cheques for £10,000 each as part of the black tie event. He then urged members to help raise a further £5,000 for each charity through a five lot charity auction.

This fundraising goal was surpassed several times over during the course of dinner, with guests digging deep with their bids, helping to push the total raised well past each lot's reserve prices. These efforts were supported by a number of substantial standalone donations made by individual members, who approached either Moore or the Ball toastmaster to submit financial pledges.

Combined with the original £10,000 sum - and boosted by a £2,300 donation by CISRS - the NASC was able raise a total figure of £60,000, which was split equally between the two charities.



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