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- Other heavy equipment

We work daily on assignments for leading manufacturers such as:

- Tadano
- Manitowoc
- Liebherr
- Kobelco
- Sany
- Spierings

But of course we also work for importers, dealers and end users (both new and used equipment) such as:

- Global Crane Services
- G. O'Brien Crane Hire Ltd.
- Allelys Installations Ltd.
- Kavanagh Crane Hire Ltd.
- DM Cranes Ltd.
- Osprey Marine Ltd.

Transport service

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LIEBHERR VISIT FOR LIFTING TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

Zac Bradshaw of Commhoist won the 2024 Lifting Technician of the Year award at this year's CPA Stars of the Future Awards. Part of his prize included a trip to Liebherr's plant in Ehingen, Germany.

Kirsty Archbold-Laming of Southern Hoist Services, who chairs the Construction Hoist Interest Group and sits on the CPA Council joined him on the trip and said: "Anyone who knows me also knows how passionate I am about training and attracting people to the industry. At the awards I watched as Zak was awarded Lifting Technician of the Year, I could only imagine how he felt, winning the award and a trip to the Liebherr plant in Germany. Arran Willis of Liebherr, which sponsored the award, then surprised me by asking if I would accompany Zak on the trip. Be rude not to I thought!"

"On arrival Arran introduced his German colleagues and we learnt about the history of Liebherr and how Hans Liebherr had started the company after the war with a simple idea of helping rebuild Germany and how the company remains a family owned business to this day."



Zac Bradshaw at the controls

"We then embarked on a tour of the factory, with Arran telling me I would be investing in cranes by the end of the visit, I can see why now! After moving through the manufacturing and assembly process from start to finish, we headed to the test area... Zak's eyes lit up. He has already become a respected crane operator often asked for by name and was offered the opportunity to operate some of the larger cranes, putting them through their paces."

"I myself have never sat in a crane, let alone operated one, however Arran enticed me to give it a try. As I got into the cab and was shown the controls, I was clearly out of my comfort zone. Zak helped me become acquainted with it and I stopped shaking, with lots of laughter along the way."

"The trip was amazing. It was truly an honour to spend time with Zak and talk shop. For someone so young he already has great experience of the industry and clearly knows what he is doing. He is already a Star of the Future, but I know he will be a leader in his field given the drive, determination and attitude he has to succeed."

The Stars of the Future Awards 2025 will open for nominations on 1st January nomination forms will then be posted at www.cpa.uk.net.



Kirsty Archbold-Laming & Zac Bradshaw

CPA CONFERENCE EXPLORES THE FUTURE

Around 200 delegates attended this year's CPA Conference on the 7th November with the overall theme of 'Shaping the Future: Insights for the Plant-Hire Sector'. CPA chief executive Steve Mulholland opened the event by stressing the need to find new ways to attract school leavers into the industry, given the number of people that are retiring and taking their skills with them, creating a serious knowledge gap and an aging workforce.

He also argued strongly for a more pragmatic, common sense approach from governments and regulatory bodies, "especially politicians and some Tier 1 contractors and their clients who have been racing to mandate policies too quickly in order to outdo one another, while manufacturers race to gain commercial advantages, leaving rental companies with little option but to conform to these mandates. Ultimately it is the end hire company and end user who feel the pain at the sharp end."

"CPA members must be able to continue using fossil fuelled equipment while alternatives are developed and sensibly phased in as their performance allows. Evolving to get there without these ridiculous targets is how we will do it, not by panic and knee-jerk reactions to meet impossible political targets which suit their own agendas and that of noisy minorities."

The event also included five panel discussions which brought industry experts together to share opinions and solutions.



(L-R) Peter Haddock, Brian Jones, Asif Latief and Kathryn Adams in one of the panel discussions



Steve Mulholland



Merryn Myatt (L) & Katie Kelleher