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ASFP announces 2018 seminar dates



Following a sell-out event in Perth on 25 April, the **Association for Specialist Fire Protection (ASFP)** has confirmed an additional date for its series of regional CPD seminars, with two further events now scheduled in 2018.

The free-to-attend seminars aim to improve awareness of passive fire protection and help delegates to understand the vital role of compartmentation in maintaining fire safety in buildings. Events have

been confirmed in:

- Washington, Tyne & Wear, 16 May
- London, 4 September

Understanding Passive Fire Protection provides an introduction to the types of passive fire protection systems found in buildings and explains the importance of the correct specification, installation and maintenance of all such systems.

Presentations from technical experts from across the fire sector will cover all aspects of in-built fire protection, including fire doors and hardware; fire-resistant glazing; fire ducts and dampers; structural fire protection; fire curtains; and firestopping.

Each seminar starts with breakfast around 8.45am and closes at 12.45. Delegates will also have the opportunity to discuss their queries with passive fire protection specialists, including manufacturer and installer members of the ASFP who will be exhibiting at the event.

The seminars are suitable for anyone who is responsible for specifying or inspecting passive fire protection or those appointing trades that could cause damage to existing fire protection in the process of their work. It should particularly appeal to fire risk assessors, duty holders, facilities managers, care home providers, local authorities, building control officers, approved inspectors, insurance surveyors and fire service officers.

They are supported by a range of organisations, including Aviva Insurance, Local Authority Building Standards Scotland and Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service.

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UL opens European laboratory



On February 27, 2018, the international testing and certification company, **UL**, opened a brand new fire safety laboratory in Rosenheim.

The almost 3,000sqm laboratory specialises in reaction to fire, fire resistance and smoke protection tests and operates in conjunction with the ift Rosenheim Technology Center, an independent test

institute dedicated to testing doors, windows and facades.

The new facility in Rosenheim offers a large number of test procedures which are used to test and certify the compliance of building products with fire protection regulations. The tests are carried out according to European, North American and other International test standards. Fire protection testing services at the new facility include the testing of products and materials for flammability, fire propagation smoke protection and fire resistance.

Through collaboration and spatial proximity between UL and ift, manufacturers and system providers are given the option of having their products tested and certified at a single facility, quickly and easily, for Europe and the worldwide market.

The ceremonial opening conducted by deputy Bavarian Prime Minister was attended by politicians, and other invited guests, including Bavarian State Minister for Economic Affairs, Media, Energy and Technology Ilse Aigner, Rosenheim's mayor, Gabriele Bauer, and the Consul for Trade, Eric Hunt, representing the US Embassy.

The opening took place as part of a two-day symposium, at which UL experts and guest speakers spanning the fire safety industry in Europe and the US provided information on the latest developments in building and fire protection.

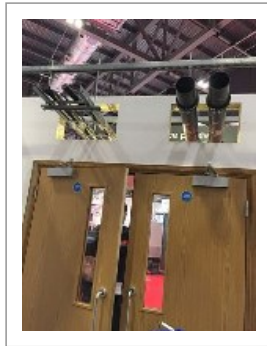
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Firex demonstrations from Exova

Exova Warringtonfire, together with certification bodies Exova BM TRADA and Warrington Certification, will once again be undertaking a series of daily live fire door and fire-stopping installation demonstrations at FIREX International 2018 from 19-21 June in

London.



Exova's stand will include a 'full-scale' simulated, cross-corridor set-up, which will be used to demonstrate how to correctly install both fire doors and a series of fire-stopping products, including pipe collars and fire batts.

The first one-hour session at 12:00pm, will involve the installation of a double doorset, including the frame, architraves, ironmongery and all of the associated fire-stopping materials, into a full-scale mock-up of a typical corridor.

In the second session at 2:00 pm Exova will complete the installation of the remaining passive fire protection measures, including service pipes and protective collars alongside cables, cable trays and a fire

batt.

Both installations will be filmed and relayed live to a seated audience on the stand, with expert commentary provided by Exova's Technical Director, Jon Osborn.

At the end of both sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to: examine the installation work and talk with the installer; and view a number of full-scale items, including examples of a burnt fire door, three types of burnt fire resistant glazing, burnt structural steel, and a burnt service pipe and collar. They can also test their knowledge of fire doors by examining two seemingly identical specimens to determine which is installed correctly.

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Walraven expands firestop range



Walraven has launched a new fire collar and sealants to complement its Pacifyre fire protection product range.

The Pacifyre BFC Fire Collar is designed to maintain fire resistance levels where plastic pipes penetrate compartment walls or floors.

The company aims to provide product solutions that are of the highest quality and fully tested and approved to ETA and CE standards. The new Pacifyre BFC Fire Collar is a standard fire collar

for the installer which is simple and effective, whilst fully tested and certified.

The collar offers up to 4 hours fire protection and is suitable for a wide range of plastic pipe types up to 160mm in diameter. Its low product height of only 42.5mm provides for easy installation in small spaces, while its oversized length allows for flexibility in positioning. Suitable for damp conditions, the collar is ETA certificated and CE Marked.

Two collars are provided per box to facilitate correct installation according to regulation, which requires that for wall penetrations, a collar should be installed on both sides of the wall.

The collar is complemented by two new Pacifyre Silicone and Acrylic Fire Sealants that provide excellent adhesion to most substrates and can be used to seal static linear joints as well as annular joints around pipes, fire collars and sleeves. They are fire resistant and smoke tight up to EI240 / 120 and are tested and approved according to EN1366-4 and EN 1366-3.

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IFC continues to thrive



IFC Group continues to fulfil its strategic operational growth plans and increase the consultancy's capabilities with new talent and has added a further 1,000 sqft of newly refurbished office space to its Princes Risborough site; from where its team of engineers provided detailed and robust details to Dame Judith Hackitt following her Call for Evidence.

The latest arrivals at IFC include Paul Murray who comes from the Natural History Museum where he helped them to achieve PAS7 in this Grade 1 star listed building. Paul started out as an Operational Fire Fighter and is currently Chairman of the London Heritage Fire Safety Network.

Ricky Patel has joined as a Fire Protection Engineer and is working towards his MIFireE status.

Ricky will be drawing on his industry experience to produce specifications, reports and technical drawings, ensuring conformity to appropriate standards without compromising architectural integrity.

IFC Group continues to offer training aimed at improving standards and capabilities for those who undertake site installations and the maintenance of passive fire protection systems. Courses are modular, to fit into busy work schedules and cover a range of disciplines. A number of public courses are available this Spring in the UK and Ireland (including Timber Fire Doors and Penetration Sealing).

Meanwhile, Peter Barker, IFC Fire Safety Engineering Manager supported ASFP Ireland this month by speaking at Facilities Management Ireland in Dublin. Peter focused upon testing, assessment and 3rd party certification of fire resisting doors and the most common issues/solutions with ongoing inspections and maintenance.

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The world is round, not square!



When it comes to ductwork, some prefer the round option to the traditional square due to exposed ceilings, lower resistance, quicker installation times and the availability of 3m lengths, etc. Not wanting to leave anyone out, SAFE4 has launched a full range of round ducts to the test standards EN 1366-1 and EN 1366-8/9.

Choosing SAFE4 now gives the client multiple options for all square sizes up to 2500x1250 and now round up to 1000 diameter. It is becoming easier than ever to specify SAFE4® as **Airforce H&V** continues testing to ensure it has a solution for every building, every project and every preference.

Are you interested in becoming a Licensee for SAFE4 BS 476, EN 1366-1, or EN 1366-8/9? This requires the completion of a

number of steps, which, SAFE4 can help you through. Contact sales@airforcehv.com (<mailto:sales@airforcehv.com>) for a complete review of the options available in your market.

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SIG specialists visit Promat facility

Acknowledged as market leaders in their respective fields, **SIG** and Promat continue to further



strengthen their close working relationship developed over many years with a visit from the SIG Fire Protection Specialists to Promat's manufacturing facility in Tisselt - Belgium.

The factory visit provided a great opportunity to see the production process on Promat's range of passive fire protection boards which are available through SIG's nationwide branch network in the UK.

As part of the desire to promote high quality building boards, Promat and SIG have invested time and effort in reinforcing the synergies and beliefs of their businesses. Third Party accreditation from Certifire and BBA form the backbone of product compliance for many applications including structural steel work encasement, concrete column upgrades, soffit lining, ductwork and mezzanine floor protection.

When considering products and discussing applications, SIG have a desire to continue to lead the market and demonstrate the value of the Promat materials combined with the knowledge and all round ability of the SIG Fire Protection Specialists, supported by SIG Distribution locations around the UK.

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Belgrade opens London branch



Belgrade Insulations Ltd is a specialist distributor of insulation and drywall systems, with a particular focus on the passive fire protection and technical insulation markets.

The company supplies contractors through branches in strategic locations across the UK and has been a member of ASFP for a number of years.

Belgrade's most recent branch improves its delivery service into

London and the south east. Located at Becton on the inbound side of the A13, it is particularly convenient for contractors who wish to collect at the start or end of a working day.

Belgrade supplies mineral fibre solutions for fire protection of structural steel, ductwork and mechanical services. Its technical support is backed by its suppliers: Knauf Insulation, Isover and Rockwool.

The company is able to put forward stone wool solutions for external cladding of high rise buildings. Rigid board solutions for internal protection are from British Gypsum, Knauf, Siniat and Promat.

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New Tradeline fire system from CCF

Tradeline, the range of professional drywall solutions exclusive to **CCF**, has introduced a new and lightweight glass fibre flexible fire stopping barrier to meet specifier, building contractor and specialist installer demand for quality fire protection products.



The new fire stopping barrier is the first fire protection system offering from Tradeline, and has been developed as part of a third party fire certified system, manufactured to rigorous safety and quality criteria to meet British Standards.

Available in glass woven and unwoven textile, the fire stopping barrier system complements a number of other elements in a full system warranty, including CCF's Tradeline Metal.

Annemarie Shotton, CCF Category Group Manager, said:

"This is the first time a full fire protection system has been introduced to the Tradeline range and marks a new era for the brand. What's more, we have launched this product with certified fire safety brand VALBARR, to guarantee quality.

"As the Tradeline range continues to grow and move into more specialist areas, such as fire protection, we are also investing in strengthening our customer support and expertise through the introduction of three new technical managers."

Tradeline's new and lightweight flexible fire stopping barrier will be available from April 2018 at CCF branches nationwide. Customers will be able to spot the specially rebranded packaging, which differentiates the fire-certified product from the rest of the Tradeline range.

For further information on the new Tradeline fire stopping barrier and more visit www.tradelinedrywall.com (<http://www.tradelinedrywall.com/>) to download the complete product brochure.

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APPLUS+ TST increase heat fan & tunnel testing



Applus+ Laboratories has increased its fire test service scope for ventilation systems and tunnel safety, thanks to the acquisition of Applus+ TST (formerly Tunnel Safety Testing S.A Laboratory). The Applus+ TST team has more than 10 years of experience and extensive technical expertise in conducting full-scale fire tests in tunnels and large heat and smoke extraction mechanical units. Applus+ TST is located in Asturias, in the Northeast of Spain in an area of 142,000sqm. It specialises in testing powered smoke and heat

control fans according to the EN 12101-3 standard, as well as fire and ventilation in tunnels.

Another important activity is to hold real scale training programmes for fire safety professionals like firefighters, mining rescue brigades, companies and other organisations.

The heat fans testing laboratory is placed in a 1,000sqm unit, equipped with a test furnace chamber and hot air recirculation loop. It is possible to test different types of fans such as jet fans and large axial fans used in transversal, semi-transversal or Saccardo schemes up to 3.2m diameter and 1MW.

The tunnel tests are carried out in an experimental full-scale tunnel facility. It is the biggest of its kind in Europe with 600m of length dedicated to test ventilation systems, active safety equipment and construction materials for tunnels under real fire conditions.

If you are interested in receiving more information about these services, please contact our Fire Safety Project Director, Joan Piera Creixell at email joan.piera@applus.com (<mailto:joan.piera@applus.com>)

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Pyroplex awarded revised ISO certificates



As part of the Reddiplex Group of companies, **Pyroplex** is pleased to announce it has been awarded certification against the 2015 revised standards for ISO 9001 Quality Management System and ISO 14001 Environmental Management System.

The ISO management system standards are to ensure organisations and businesses meet the needs of their customers and other stakeholders whilst meeting statutory and regulatory requirements related to a programme or products.

The 9001:2015 revisions relate to changes in the business world and ensure the company is keeping its customers at the centre of what it does, demonstrating its continual commitment to providing customers with a product and service of the highest possible standard.

The 14001:2015 standard revision reiterates our environmental management status. Environmental values are always at the forefront of our operations throughout our entire supply chain and Pyroplex recognises its responsibility for the environment. The company is keen to continue its good work in the future, as well as ensuring its excellent customer service prevails.

The BSI Certificates of Registration have been updated and are available to download on the Pyroplex website, <https://www.pyroplex.com/downloads> (<https://www.pyroplex.com/downloads>)

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Sherwin-Williams supports best practice



Sherwin-Williams Europe, Middle East, Africa and India (EMEAI) is fully supporting the initiative to support best practice in fire engineering working with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and the ASFP.

The Plan of Works for Fire aims to ensure there is a detailed specification for fire protection at the design stage and a schedule for fire protection throughout the construction process.

The process being developed will include mandatory sign-offs as construction progresses, with all information reaching the end-user to support adequate fire risk management.

As a further constructive step, the ASFP is working with one of its technical sub-groups and also with the British Coatings Federation on new Best Practice guidance for specifying intumescent – reactive – coatings. The guide is set to include a useful 'tick list' to assist specifiers and is due for publication very soon.

Dame Judith Hackitt's review of the Building Regulations, ordered after the Grenfell Tower disaster, found that the system being used by the construction industry is simply "not fit for purpose" and open to abuse.

Bob Glendenning, Sherwin-Williams' Global Fire Engineering Manager, said:

"Intumescent coatings have contributed to the freedom of design allowing projects and buildings to be more interestingly shaped and fully glazed with the steel frame on show.

"Like some other forms of protection, it is critical to the performance of these life safety coatings that the design of the applied thickness is carried out correctly. Put simply, if the thickness is not correct then the fire protection will likely not be adequate."

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FSi launches intelligent App



FSi Limited, energetically and intelligently deliver a variety of fire stopping solutions to meet current market needs and continue to develop ways to engage with customers which has led to the development of an easy to use **Product Selector App**.

The mobile phone App is easily downloaded from either Google Play Store or the Apple Store. It provides information on which type of FSi Systems may be required to be installed depending on the

application requirement.

The process comprises a few simple questions from drop down menus which lead to either an FSi product recommendation and in some cases a typical detail showing the requirements. It has been developed to aid in the correct selection of FSi Systems for typical firestopping requirements and will offer a clear, easy insight into the complexity of firestopping product selection and specification.

FSi has also extended its BIM offering to include full NBS product selection on RIBA NBS Plus. FSi continues to extend the scope of certification to the highest industry standards to enable systems to offer solutions to complex conditions in the industry, with the FSi product Selector App being just

one of the systems being constantly developed.

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Latest STEELCALC now available



Fire protection estimating software **STEELCALC**, has issued its 87th update to all users.

The update ensures they are using the latest, competitive data and now, includes a new Specials Calculator for non-standard steel sections. It also allows multi-users on the same PC and includes the latest product amendments.

The constant changes to existing products and the launch of new ones makes it imperative to keep up-to-date, so users can ensure

that they are quoting correctly and competitively when using STEELCALC.

STEELCALC allows users to input accurately, using partial exposed steels, ledger angles, plates and CUB's. It saves on materials and labour and enables users to analyse and uniquely compare different products on the market.

The various Reports can be customised in colour and include your logo and details.

This Windows 10 compatible, comprehensive package covers intumescent, boards and sprays. It can even move schedules between these types. A lower cost, single product type is also available.

To try STEELCALC 6, visit our website for details: www.steelcalc.co.uk (<http://www.steelcalc.co.uk>) and request a demo version or ask for a quote.
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SIG Performance Technology appointment



SIG Performance Technology, the specialist provider of acoustic, fire and thermal solutions, has appointed Liam Colebrook in the new role of New Product Development Director. The new position has been created to capitalise on product development opportunities across the SIG Performance Technology division.

As New Product Development Director, Liam will work with existing internal and external sales teams across the division to build upon the new product range that has already been introduced. This includes Chi-Gasket, the through-wall rainscreen bracketry component that assists projects in achieving BR135 compliance while keeping wall depths to a minimum.

The appointment follows a restructure of SIG Performance

Technology's external support teams, to better align with a market demand for expert advice and technical guidance. Two specialist teams were created in acoustics; and fire and thermal, so customers now benefit from having a single point of contact in both specialist areas whilst having access to the complete SIG Performance Technology product portfolio. Liam will be working with the specialist teams to identify scope for new product developments to meet market demands, bringing a renewed focus on ambitions for business growth.

Simon Burgess, Managing Director of SIG Performance Technology, said: "The increasing demand for performance requirements on projects means that specifiers and contractors often seek expert solutions-based approaches to identifying fire treatments, something we hope to reflect in our product development.

SIG Performance Technology is very much looking forward to welcoming Liam as New Product Development Director and continuing to develop a robust and innovative product range."

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Crossfire provides staff training day



No better way to start a new year than with a full Irish breakfast in your belly! **Crossfire Specialist Contracts Ltd** kicked off the New Year with a Back to Work Training Day on Monday 8 January. The team came from across Ireland to enjoy a relaxing day entertained by industry experts and specialists.

Managing Director Finbar McGilligan recognises that the company's most valuable asset is its 'guys on the ground', so he took the day to get to know the team better, listening to their queries and discussing their ideas.

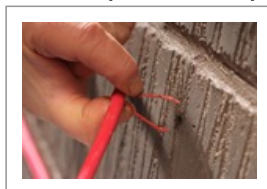
By understanding its staff better Crossfire has boosted its commitment to investing in its people through training, courses and qualifications. Already the results are visible. The company has developed a very motivated and engaged team, which is fully involved in its shared company goals.

Crossfire's mission is to expand knowledge and positively encourage innovation and change in all aspects of passive fire protection. As it works towards achieving its ISO Management Systems and other accreditations, with the help and commitment of the entire team, 2018 is set to be its biggest year yet.

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LINIAN expands Fire Clip range



LINIAN Fire Clips were originally designed to meet the requirements for fire resistant cable fixings on fire alarm systems in accordance with BS 5839. They now also meet the BS 7671 Amendment 3 recommendations for Fire Rated Cable Fixings in Escape Routes and the 18th Edition Wiring Regulations.

However, one of LINIAN's main advantages is that their products are multi-purpose for an array of solutions and as such are suitable for installing both electrical and fire alarm cables.

The current legislation (BS7671 Amendment 3) requires the use of Metal Cable Fixings in escape routes. But regulatory changes in January 2019 will make it compulsory to use metal cable fixings within the whole installation and not only on fire resistant cables.

This has expanded use of the product to all cable types and so LINIAN is developing more products to accommodate larger cables and satisfy the demand of the installer market.

The LINIAN Fire Clip is multi-purpose and suitable for a wide range of electrical, salarm and data cabling. It is three times faster to install than traditional methods and compliant with the recommendations for Fire Rated Cable Fixings in BS 7671 Amendment 3 and the 18th Edition Wiring Regulations.

The LINIAN Fire Clip is also compliant with BS 5839; independently fire rated and tested to 120 minutes (British Standard) and 90 minutes (EU) and burn tested with a melting point of over 1,000°C. Its pull out or tensile load is equal to 244N, equivalent to one bag of cement.

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Techcon offers expertise in Taiwan

Techcon offers passive fire protection and acoustical coating material sales and application in Taiwan, including intumescent coatings and cementitious sprays.

Founded in December 1997, the company is an agent for Monokote, Renitherm and Steelguard in Taiwan.

Based in Taipei, Techcon has extensive experience and expertise in the passive fire protection industry and has completed over 300 projects in Taiwan since 1997.

Projects cover a range of industry sectors, including commercial, residential, government buildings, high-tech plants, petro-chemical industries. The landmark Taipei 101 building was also Techcon project.



Techcon is one of the most professional passive fire protection specialists in Taiwan. Its staff are members of the Chinese National Standard committee which assists government to establish fire protection standards.

Techcon is dedicated to introducing advanced new passive fire protection technology from overseas to Taiwan. It offers complete solutions from design, estimation and application through to a full

certification process.

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Firemac receives Queen's Award



North Berwick-based **Firemac Limited** has received a prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise in the Innovation category, for its Firemac FM Fabric PSA, a high performance self-adhesive glass woven fire resistant fabric that is applied to galvanised steel ductwork to create a fire-resistant ductwork system.

Firemac FM Fabric PSA is the latest innovation from the company which revolutionised the fire-resistant ductwork sector when it first

introduced its third-party certificated fabric-based Firemac FM Fabric system to the UK some 15 years ago.

Firemac FM Fabric PSA is an innovative glass fibre fabric less than 0.5mm thick and backed by a self-adhesive coating which makes it lightweight, durable and quick and easy to apply without any curing time. This speeds up supply and, due to the lightness of the fabric, the ductwork does not need any additional supports.

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are awarded for outstanding achievement by UK businesses in the categories of innovation, international trade, sustainable development and promoting opportunity through social mobility. Firemac will be presented with the award by The Lord Lieutenant of East Lothian and will also attend a Royal reception at Buckingham Palace later in the year.

On receiving the award, Firemac Managing Director, Donald Mackay stated:

"Firemac is still essentially a family business, with a team of staff that have been with us for a long time. While the Queen's Award for Enterprise is usually associated with a product, in our case our PSA fabric, it is also recognition of the team behind it, and I'm delighted to accept it on their behalf".

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ASFP launches passive fire protection training



The **Association for Specialist Fire Protection (ASFP)** launched a passive fire protection training programme in April 2018.

The **Foundation Course in Passive Fire Protection** has been developed in response to demand from employers and contractors operating in the passive fire protection sector. The content of the training embeds current best practice and draws on the technical expertise provided by the ASFP.

The training aims to equip candidates with the knowledge required to demonstrate competency, while also offering a route for progression and academic recognition in this key fire protection specialism. The courses will be the first in the UK and Ireland to enable candidates to study to

obtain a recognised qualification in passive fire protection.

Individuals who undertake the training will also have the opportunity to progress to new Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications in Passive Fire Protection provided by the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE) awarding organisation. The new qualifications have been developed in partnership between the ASFP and the IFE specifically to align to the new training programme and to provide recognition of individuals who have attained the essential knowledge and understanding to work efficiently and safely in passive fire protection roles.

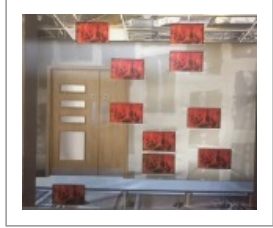
Each training course is suitable for all involved in the construction industry from designers and specifiers to contractors and specialist installers. Courses are also suitable for building owner occupiers and enforcement agencies.

The courses offer a foundation in fire safety and fire science as well as units on different forms of passive fire protection.

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ASFP Wall of Fire at Firex International



The **Association for Specialist Fire Protection** (ASFP) will be welcoming visitors to the ASFP Passive Fire Protection Zone, at Firex International in London's ExCel on 19-21 June.

The Zone will allow visitors to gain a greater understanding of the essential role of passive fire protection within today's built environment and offers advice for all involved from designers, specifiers and contractors, to building owners, risk assessors and

facilities managers. It will encourage greater cooperation at every stage of the design and build process and throughout the life of a building.

Visitors to the ASFP stand (**A135**) will be able to test their skills on the **ASFP Wall of Fire**. Aimed at explaining the vital role of compartmentation in restricting the spread of fire and smoke, the ASFP Wall of Fire will feature a number of potential compartmentation breaches. Provided with a range of passive fire protection solutions, visitors will be asked to place each correctly to prevent fire from spreading. As well as improving their passive fire protection knowledge, visitors will compete to win a bottle of champagne.

The ASFP will be showcasing its range of services, from publications and videos to technical training and member support. Representatives from ASFP member companies will be available throughout the Zone to address visitors' specific questions and concerns relating to the specification, installation, inspection and management of passive fire protection.

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