

Channel partner forum

As part of its global sales growth strategy, **Castell Safety International** hosted a forum for its network of international distribution, or channel partners.

The event saw channel partners receive training in the principles of trapped key interlocking, undertake a manufacturing facility tour and attend presentations focused on Castell's new product development, vertical market strategy and emerging applications.

Castell's channel partners help ensure that customers receive expert technical advice, market- and application-specific knowledge, customs brokerage and timely delivery in a number of countries around the world.

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Trainers team up

Barnsley-based **Astra Access Safety Training** has teamed up with local man Richard Wadsworth who heads up 'Lift It', a material handling training provider. Lift it, will be based at Astra's 50,000 sq ft training centre close to the M1 at junction 38, which has just been accredited to deliver RTITB Training and passed the stringent audit with flying colours.

'Lift It' will concentrate on training for all types of material handling equipment whilst Astra deliver courses on access equipment including ladders, steps, mobile towers, scissor lifts and cherry pickers as well as the everyday health and safety courses, which can be delivered at the centre or on site anywhere in the world.

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Teaching tools

Snap-on Industrial, the tooling and workshop equipment solutions specialist, has launched a bespoke e-Learning course to help drive awareness of the dangers of working with tools at height.

It has been designed to help learners get to grips with technically complex subjects in an efficient, easy to follow and multi-sensory structure. The programme will take learners

through a comprehensive series of modules to understand working at height, how to correctly use Snap-on Industrial's Tools@Height system and understand the reasons for adopting sound safety practices.

It also covers the storage, selection, inspection and use of tools and lanyards. Learners can go through the programme at their own pace and at a time and location that suits them – even in places with poor or no internet access.

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Safety coaching

Many safety practitioners characterise themselves as coaches and a growing number have the title

'safety coach'. Contrary to popular belief however, coaching is not demonstrating an ability to support the development of others. Coaching is being collaborative, supportive and helpful and as such it is an essential skill for safety practitioners.

This IOSH approved, two-day programme has been designed by Michael Emery of Securus Health and Safety to equip practitioners with important communication skills. Delegates learn about being curious for the sake of those they support, develop their active listening skills, discover how challenging assumptions can unlock possibilities, learn about being solutions-focused and much more.

The next open course takes place in March and a free taster session is in February.

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Bespoke course

Training specialist **RRC** has been working with oil and gas operating company Petro Energy, Sudan to support their company doctors who wanted to perform a more industrial focused occupational health role.

Petro Energy's doctors are based in multiple locations where Petro Energy operates and provide essential support to local communities and employees. In December 2012 Dr. Hitham Eltigani Adam, health section head approached RRC with a set of requirements that focused on issues such as the management of occupational health in the oil and



gas industry, health risk assessments and health impact assessments. RRC's team of tutors and course developers worked on these requirements to prepare a 10 day bespoke course with some external awards embedded where appropriate.

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Record breakers

In 2013 **PASMA** training centres were responsible for training over 65,000 people to work at height safely. The number, a new record for the mobile access tower association, is an increase of almost 10% from 2012's figure. This latest rise is in line with PASMA's progress over recent years. At the beginning of this year there were around 320,000 active PASMA cards in circulation, the result of a series of steep increases over the past five years.

PASMA training courses are now said to be recognised as the industry standard. As a result, health and safety professionals increasingly specify the PASMA certificate of competence and photocard as the only acceptable proof of competence when using mobile access towers as required by the Work at Height Regulations (WAHR).

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Get engaged

Crescent, a market leader in the development of engaging safety training, believes that safety training such as 'manual handling' is more than just a box-ticking exercise.

Crescent strives to create engaging and interactive material with knowledge retention at its core. Courses are written by subject matter experts and designed in-house by creative learning designers using cutting-edge tools.

Manual handling accidents are one of the major causes of occupational ill-health and this qualification will provide the knowledge to conduct manual lifting operations safely. Suitable for staff in the oil and gas industry, Crescent's manual handling course is comprehensive, covering basic lifting techniques, pushing and pulling, relevant legislation and specific risk assessments.

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