

Confederation News

New Forum Date



The next Members' Forum originally planned for 6th November will now take place on 10th

December.

It will be a virtual meeting from 14:00-16:00. An agenda and joining details will be emailed to members in due course in advance of the meeting. In the meantime, please accept the meeting invite sent recently to ensure that you can attend.

New APPG Secretary

Steve McGuirk has been appointed Honorary Secretary and Adviser to the All Party Parliamentary Group for Fire Safety and Rescue, taking over the mantle from Ronnie King, who retires from the role after many years' service.

The Confederation would like to thank Ronnie for his tireless work, through which the APPG has become a leading voice in the national conversation on building safety, sprinklers, and post Grenfell reform. Ronnie's detailed knowledge and wise counsel have guided the Group through some of the most significant periods in modern fire safety history.

Grenfell Progress

The government has published its latest progress report on implementation of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry's recommendations, available [here](#).

Fire Conference

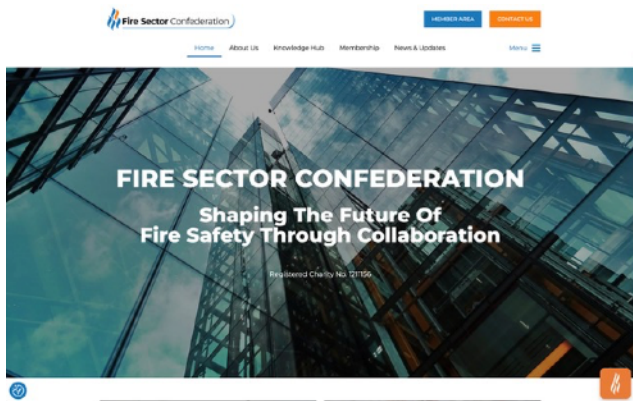


Tickets are selling fast for this year's Fire Conference on 13th November at the QE2 Centre in Westminster. Confederation members receive the usual £50 discount and can secure their tickets [here](#).

Construction Adviser Appointed

A new interim Chief Construction Adviser has been appointed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Thouria Istephan, an architect with extensive industry experience and knowledge of building safety standards, has been appointed to provide expert, independent advice to ministers and government on building safety and regulatory reform. She will play a central role helping to shape the future of the built environment sector, ensuring that safety, delivery and accountability are central to decision-making, with residents' voices at heart.

New Website



Our new digital hub will go live in November offering access to a wide range of knowledge base as well as creating a safe space for members to discuss and develop ideas and policy recommendations within secure digital knowledge networks, along with industry news and insight papers. As part of the transition process, we will be issuing members with new login details and instructions on how to make the most of the site. Keep an eye on your inbox for this in early November.

ICC Consultation

The Industry Competence Committee invites feedback from Industry on its guidance document, Setting Expectations for Competence Management.

The ICC has an objective to set clear expectations for industry on competence and what good looks like for individuals and organisations. The document is available [here](#).

FPA Launches Manifesto

The Fire protection Association has launched its 2025 manifesto highlighting the work that is still needed in areas such as remediation, competency and construction product regulation. The full manifesto is available [here](#).

HSE Resource Page

The Health & Safety executive has published a [resource page](#) that brings together links to existing building safety guidance and resources on its Making Buildings Safer site.

Member Diary Dates

Annual Review - April 28th 2026,
NEC Birmingham

Member Forums:
December 10th (virtual)

August 19th 2026(virtual)

November 19th 2026 (virtual)

SECTOR EVENTS

Fire Conference November 13th

Fire Sprinkler International 26 TBC

Fire Safety Event: 28-30 April 2026

Emergency Services Show: 16-17
September 2026

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