

Working women



The UK and Ireland campaign *Spotlight on: women in construction* has been launched by the Considerate Constructors Scheme to boost the much-needed industry effort to attract more women into the construction industry.

The scheme, which makes around 15,000 monitoring visits to construction sites, companies and suppliers every year, surveyed over 1,000 people to find out why women still only represent a meagre 11% of the construction industry workforce. The campaign provides a variety of practical steps that can be taken to address this issue in the short, medium and long term.

The survey findings also revealed that:

- 94% of respondents agreed that the industry would benefit from employing more women.

FENSA is delighted to announce the winners of the FENSA Installation of the Year Award 2017. The award covers 78% of the replacement glazing market and is based entirely on direct customer feedback.

The winners of the FENSA Installation of the Year Awards 2017 are:

- **Artisan Conservatories and Windows of Clwyd**
- **Runner-up is Mike Evans (Windows) of Wrexham.**

Chris Beedel, director of membership, says: "It's great to witness FENSA members' work being valued and highly rated by homeowners. We are proud of the winners and they should be very proud of their own achievements."

- 76% said there are no construction jobs which only men can do.

- 74% said there should not be quotas for hiring women into construction.

It is clear from the survey, that although some results appear encouraging, there is still a huge amount to be done, particularly in addressing sexism and changing misguided perceptions of what a career in construction offers to women.

'Spotlight on...women in construction' pulls together the latest and greatest examples of best practice, case studies from women working across the construction industry, legal requirements and links to useful organisations encouraging women to work in construction. □



Finalist double-up

Everglade Windows, has been named a double finalist in the West London Business Awards 2018, making the shortlist in both the manufacturing and engineering company and SME of the year categories for the second year running.

Yogesh Gopal, managing director at Everglade Windows says: "It is a fantastic achievement for the Everglade team to be recognised by our West London Business peers again this year. Last year, we were highly commended in the manufacturing and engineering category, so we're hoping to win the title this year."

"Everglade Windows has called West London home for more than 37 years, so winning a West London business award would mean such a lot to the whole



team."

The West London Business community has been running the awards for five years now, and is governed by some of the biggest names in UK business, including Heathrow Airport, Fullers and Brunel University.

Andrew Dakers, CEO of West London Business says: "We have again received a good number of entries this year, despite tougher entry criteria, making this the hardest year yet in which to secure a place on the final shortlist of the West London Business Awards."

"Our shortlist provides a fantastic window on the excellence that continues to drive West London's economy, as well as the exciting innovations coming through. The awards night at Wembley will provide a fitting platform to recognise the success of all these businesses."

The winners will be announced at the West London Business Awards gala dinner on Thursday 1st February 2018 at Wembley Stadium. □

Growing strong

Rooflight manufacturer Roof Maker is celebrating ten years of partnership with Edgetech.

CEO Paul Mildenstein says: "At Roof Maker, we strive to challenge the idea that all rooflight products are the same.

"We all know that consumers are more discerning and demanding than ever. Today, they want it all, stunning aesthetics, exceptional performance and maximal user-friendliness.

"That's why our products are triple-glazed as standard, and offer large expanses of glass to maximise natural light which from a design point of view presents some challenges.

"The more glass a product has, the higher the risk of it losing heat and energy, which is what makes Edgetech's Super Spacer such a vital part of every product we produce. With Edgetech's help, our products can achieve the best thermal performance of any rooflight in the industry.

Edgetech managing director Chris Alderson says: "At Edgetech, we're never happier than when we're helping industry-leading fabricators push the boundaries of product performance.



Chris Alderson, Edgetech MD and Paul Mildenstein, Roof Maker CEO

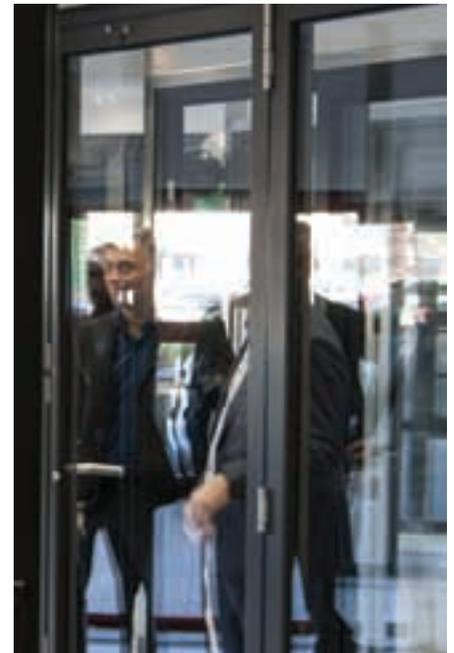
"For triple-glazed units, Super Spacer is ideal. The temperature within triple units, especially when used in roofs, can easily exceed the maximum required of volatile fog tests in current European standards.

"It has been fantastic watching Roof Maker grow over the past decade. We can't wait to see where their dedication to innovation takes them in the next ten years." □

Making an impression

Northamptonshire-based aluminium window, door and roof specialists Alumen held its first ever open house event in November. Having recently moved to new premises with a new showroom – and with a range of exciting new products to launch – the company celebrated by opening its doors to the press, trade and public for the first time.

Running across four days, the open house event started with a press preview followed by a trade-only day for Alumen's trade customers. Alumen's MD Alan Robinson took visitors through the company's rise from a bi-fold door manufacturer working out of a shed ten years ago, to the multi-range,



multi-million pound aluminium specialists they are today. The presentation also drew on the company's experience and insight to provide a positive analysis of the aluminium market and Alumen's position within it.

Robinson says: "It was a pleasure to invite people to our new factory and showroom and show them what Alumen is all about. We may not be the most well-known name in the industry, but we're very proud of what we do, how we've grown, and the products we've launched into the UK market. I think our visitors could see that and were impressed by it." □



GM Fundraising has announced the final Paddle2Pedal fundraising total of £108,494. The figure was announced at the G Awards where those from the team in attendance were invited onto the stage to hear the announcement.

The inaugural 'girls only' event, which was completed over seven days in August this year by 12 women from the fenestration industry, saw them canoe 100 miles of the River Wye, abseil 135ft down Symonds Yat and cycle 120 miles to Hope House in Oswestry.

Gary Morton, chairman of GM Fundraising says: "This fantastic total is a true reflection of the team's sheer grit and determination shown throughout, not just in the challenge itself, but in their training and fundraising efforts too. This was the first all-female challenge GM Fundraising has ever organised and the 12-strong team certainly gave the boys a run for their money, myself included." □

