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# Welcome

## 10 Year Anniversary Special Edition



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Welcome to our dedicated commemorative special looking back at the past 10 years of the UK Asbestos Training Association, including the history, worldwide information and UKATA charity involvement as well as looking at how far we have come in those 10 years and our current success stories which leads me to share our latest exciting news:

### The Safety & Health Excellence Awards 2018 Campaign of the Year Award

I am truly delighted to announce we were awarded a certificate of commendation for the Campaign of the Year, at the Safety and Health Excellence Awards on 11 April at VOX, Resorts World, Birmingham.

Hosted by Rory Bremner, the event saw UKATA join more than 400 of the UK's leading specialists for an evening of networking that celebrates excellence in all things health and safety.

Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign, delivered thousands of hours of free asbestos training to small businesses, DIY enthusiasts and sole traders nationwide. With asbestos still the biggest killer in the UK workplace, the campaign was conceived to offer free asbestos training to those who need it most yet are least likely to be aware of the dangers.

Our campaign to spread awareness of and combat the risk of asbestos in the Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign was given recognition for the significant improvement in health and safety intended.

I attended the event with Victoria Castelluccio Events & Marketing Officer who said "On a personal level, collecting the award on behalf of UKATA was a true honour, to receive official praise (outside of the organisation) for a campaign that I have been responsible for organising and managing, means a lot".

The awards were judged by a vastly experienced panel comprising many years' experience in health and safety including the chief executive of NEBOSH Teresa Budworth, Neal Stone – former policy and standards director of the British Safety Council and Colin Webb advisor to Oxford University.

UKATA was up against Jaguar Land Rover and Edinburgh Airport to name but a few of the competition.

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# From Humble Beginnings

**How UKATA began: Prior to 2008 the HSE held a list of asbestos training providers within a group known as the ATPWG (Asbestos Training Providers' Working Group). The need to raise standards of training within the asbestos industry was widely acknowledged and the formation of a separate trade association was suggested, which is how and why UKATA began.**

The inaugural meeting of UKATA was held in September 2007 with 41 of the 50 training providers on the ATPWG list agreeing to join.

UKATA's remit was to set standards, audit and manage the list of asbestos training providers going forward. It was acknowledged that if in the future training had not been provided by a UKATA member, enforcing officers may ask licensed asbestos operators to demonstrate how Chapter 4 of the Licensed Contractors' Guide had been complied with.

Previously, HSE had provided a list of known asbestos training providers as a service to individuals looking for asbestos training. HSE did not approve any training provider's status and merely directed enquirers to the training providers list. In January 2008 HSE formally tasked UKATA, as the single organisation to monitor training standards amongst its members.

- UKATA began trading in **January 2008** in Darlington, moving in **August 2008** to Markham Vale Environment Centre in Chesterfield thus providing excellent links around the UK via the M1 motorway route.
- By the end of **2009** UKATA had 77 member companies all of which had been audited to the standard set by UKATA. During consequent years each member would present each of their asbestos training courses until all had been audited on a 'rolling programme' basis.
- In **2011**, Craig Evans (currently General Manager) joined the association and brought with him a wealth of knowledge in terms of management, technology and systems. UKATA launched the certificate generator which has proved to be an excellent asset, providing members with bespoke UKATA certificates and strengthening the UKATA brand within the industry
- In **2012**, due to increased staffing numbers and ever-growing membership, UKATA moved to a larger premise at Markham Vale Environment Centre.  
The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 came into force in **April 2012** replacing the previous 2006 regulations, followed by the Approved Code of Practice and Guidance - Managing and Working with Asbestos, in **December 2013**.
- **2013** - The first edition of UKATA Matters was launched, with the support from newly appointed CEO Terry Barker. The newsletter was created by the Development and Marketing working group back in 2013. The publication has progressively been brought in house and is managed by the Marketing Department, with Editor in Chief Jacqui Royall overseeing editorial.
- In **2014** UKATA attended the Safety & Health Expo for the first time. This was a poignant moment for the association to be in a position to attend such a prestigious show. To receive recognition and respect from professionals gave the Senior Management Team even more encouragement to push the association forward.
- **2015** - due to expansion, more projects and opportunities, the Board of Directors and Senior Management Team saw the need to departmentalise; membership, marketing, brand protection and finance became dedicated departments. Additional courses were launched to include RPE Competent Person, Duty to Manage and Appointed Person.
- **2016** - Among many achievements, UKATA won the honour of Derbyshire Times Small Business of the year, and General Manager Craig Evans was awarded Business Person of the Year. This was a very proud moment for the whole team. UKATA also became a partner of the Contamination Expo at ExCeL London and had a very successful show...the hot topic being contaminated land. This was also the year in which the Tutor Registration System was launched to include online Tutor Knowledge Tests.
- **2017** - With interest increasing in asbestos in soils and made ground, UKATA launched two courses to cater for the demand. The team continued to grow and three new apprentices were recruited to support the membership department. The association has seen successful apprentices flourish within UKATA and expects great things from the new staff team! The online Tutor CPD System was launched ensuring ongoing competency and this was the last piece of the UKATA Competency Framework to be completed.
- **2018 - 10, 10, 10!** Celebrating 10 years of excellence, with senior staff members Gill Lewis and Debbie Nixon sharing their 10 year working anniversary with UKATA. The Association now has 10 members of staff and nearly 200 members nationwide.

# To the leading Asbestos Association



**When preparing the 10 Year Commemorative Edition of UKATA Matters, the Editor in Chief Jacqui Royall contacted former UKATA Chairman Peter Robinson of Bradley Environmental, who led the association in the beginning.**

“I was pleased to be asked to reflect on the first ten years of UKATA, after serving over two years as the first chairman of the Association. What initially strikes me is the stability of the staff! I do not claim to have been the one who employed Gill Lewis (Company Secretary), but I was chairman at the time, and she appeared to be an ideal candidate. So much so Gill celebrates a decade of dedication to the association this year along with Debbie Nixon (Operations Manager).

The Directors at the time were also responsible for employing Craig Evans, who at the time was employed as Administrator. Having interviewed Craig Evans at about 8:30am, Gill and I spent the rest of the day interviewing other candidates, but Craig’s interview was always in the back of our minds and we knew then who we wanted to get the job. I am proud to have been involved with these three key appointments”.

Craig Evans has subsequently climbed the ladder throughout his 7 years and is now the General Manager of the team, and works very closely with the Board of Directors, in particular the Chair of the association.

Whilst reflecting on the past 10 years, I was reminded of the achievements over the last year alone by the arrival of an email from Craig:

- Complete review of the Rules of Membership;
- CPD Accreditation;
- Tutor Competency Framework;
- Internal audits;
- Online Tutor Registration System, including;
- Tutor Knowledge Test;
- Tutor CPD register.



Former Chairman  
Peter Robinson

The above list looks remarkably familiar and that is no criticism because review and innovation are essential elements in the “life” of an association, in particular it gives the current Directors “ownership” of the day to day function. In comparison, try writing the first Rules of Membership and keep them matching what it says in the Articles of Association!

CPD and Internal Audits were beyond our aspirations, but Tutor Competency Frameworks we aspired to. However, we did not have the money to invest in tutor-testing to make it suitably electronic and anyway how do you keep the answers secret? Let alone deciding how high you pitch the standard of knowledge required to pass a tutor assessment?

A lot of people gave a lot of their time to make those first years successful and some continue to do so, as well as those that have joined along the way. I dare not mention names for fear of leaving people out and valuing some over others, but those who were particularly active in assisting my chairmanship know who you are! We started with a long list of aspirations and during my chairmanship I was disappointment that we did not achieve everything we strived for; but we did what we could as volunteers with a day-job.

I am not going to pretend that it was all easy and without detractors. Asbestos training is not big business, but there is more than petty cash involved as witnessed by 1.1 million certificates produced by the certificate generator.

To function as an organisation setting standards in training could potentially limit aspiring members’ prospects, if UKATA said they were not good enough, or on the other hand, there were those seeking to influence our stance and modus operandi to suit their particular agendas. Dealing with the politics and establishing benchmarks that could be judged in the future took up just as much if not more time than the development efforts. My legacy to the Association was relatively stable politics and benchmarking from which to get on with the job.

UKATA was a good idea; it was HSE’s desire to have a means of regulating, in particular, training for work with asbestos requiring a licence. When the Head of the Asbestos Licensing Unit and another senior HSE inspector attend three or four of your first monthly committee meetings, you know something is expected of you!

**UKATA – The leading association in asbestos training, is a great achievement and I do not under-estimate in any way the challenges that the Board of Directors still face and commend the highly professional image that the Association portrays. Good luck for the next ten years.**





# Achievements over the last 10 years

Looking back on the last 10 years of UKATA, the achievements are a true reflection of the hard work and dedication the staff team and Directors have made for the benefit of members and industry.

## Member Benefits

Since inception, UKATA has worked tirelessly to provide membership benefits in addition to the highly regarded and well respected UKATA logo. Some of the benefits include:

- Industry recognised certification
- Tutor competency and online CPD
- Increased awareness of asbestos training
- Bespoke course syllabi
- CPD accreditation for all UKATA training

In addition to this, UKATA members can also benefit from:

- Discounted stand space at industry shows
- Discounted tickets to attend conferences
- Features in UKATA Matters magazine
- Website listing
- Free recruitment advertising
- Social media promotion



Craig Evans receives his award for Business Person of the Year from Stuart Cutworth at the Derbyshire Times Business Awards 2016. Picture: Andrew Roe

## Awards Success

UKATA has enjoyed great award success over recent years, receiving national media coverage and great exposure throughout the industry and wider business world. UKATA is very proud of these achievements:

- **Business Person of the Year**  
Winner - Craig Evans, General Manger
- **Small Business of the Year**  
Highly Commended - UKATA
- **Women of the Year**  
Highly Commended – Gill Lewis, Company secretary
- **Campaign of the Year**  
Finalist

## Speaking Opportunities

As the UK's leading authority in asbestos training, UKATA is frequently asked to speak at events throughout the industry. Over the past several years, UKATA focused on promoting members and the association at two particular key events in the health and safety sector, namely the Safety & Health Expo and the Contamination Expo. Attendance at these exhibitions really put UKATA on the map and provided great opportunities for the membership. Some of the highlights from speaking engagements included:

- South Wales Conference
- North East Working Well Together Event
- JUAC Conference
- DAST Conference

## Departmentalisation

UKATA's internal management and structure has really developed over the years. From humble beginnings of two staff members to the association expanding to a team of 10 dedicated staff members. UKATA departmentalised in to 4 key areas; Membership, Finance, Marketing and Brand Protection. Brand Protection is a key focus for the association over the next 12 months to ensure compliance within the industry.

## Apprentice Success

UKATA has been involved with the Apprenticeship Scheme now for over 5 years, working closely with the Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce. Apprenticeships have been very successful at UKATA and led to individuals receiving full time employment and further promotions. UKATA is currently hosting three apprentices who are working towards an NVQ in Business Administration. Coming straight from school and in to a working environment isn't always easy, however the apprentices are learning how to conduct themselves and understand the expectations of working in a professional setting.

## New Website COMING SOON

Following the appointment of General Manager Craig Evans in 2011 and given his background knowledge with technology, the association started to implement improvements with IT systems and ultimately redefine the way in which the association was managed, in a technology sense. The first development was the UKATA Website, growing the website audience by 70% and ensuring the website was up to date. UKATA is currently in the process of further developments to the website which will bring a new feel and look to the design of the website, along with more functionality and improved speed. Watch this space...



### Certificate Generator

The UKATA Certificate Generator was introduced in 2012 and provides members with exclusive access to generate the UKATA industry recognised certificate. All certificates produced by UKATA members are traceable and can be validated online via the UKATA website, providing reassurance to industry and cutting down on fraudulent certificate production.



### Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign

An initiative to offer free asbestos awareness training to those who might not know they need it was introduced in 2015 and has seen over 10,000 hours of free asbestos training offered throughout the duration of the campaign. Offering asbestos awareness training to sole traders, mesothelioma victims and their families and raising awareness throughout the Country. The campaign has been recognised by The Safety & Health Awards in 2018.

### Internship Opportunities

In 2016, UKATA introduced the Internship Programme within the Marketing Department, seeing university students/ graduates gaining work-based experience to complement their learning. The success of this programme has seen 3 former Interns realise their goal of achieving full time employment in their degree category.

### Represented at ALG

UKATA is represented on the Asbestos Liaison Group (ALG) - a forum of key stakeholders that work together in a constructive way to promote best standards and practice in relation to control and work with asbestos.

The ALG aims to promote measures that will bring about a reduction in the level of asbestos related diseases. The ALG publishes guidance material, in the form of ALG memos concerning work with asbestos. Its strategic work is detailed in the ALG workplan which takes forward the HSE strategy.

### Brand Protection

Jackie Peat manages the Brand Protection Department for the benefit of members, ensuring UKATA or its members are not misrepresented and remain compliant at all times with the UKATA Brand Guidelines. Members are encouraged to report any brand issues immediately via the website or directly to Jackie Peat.

### Charities

With a passionate and generous natured team, UKATA have raised over £13,000 in the last two years for charity. To include £10,000 for 2016 Charity Partner The British Lung Foundation and 2017 Charity Mesothelioma UK has seen £3,000 generated so far. The donations have been made thanks to 2p per certificate generated through the certificate generator being allocated to the cause. Craig Evans and Team Leader Sasha Brailsford also took to the skies, to take part in a charity skydive which raised over £3,500. The choice of charities reflects the objectives of the association.

### Bespoke Member CRM

Craig Evans, UKATA General Manager built and introduced a bespoke CRM system to securely manage the membership process. The introduction of this system was a breath of fresh air to the existing staff team. Evolving from paper-based records, in alphabetical filing systems to the high-tech system currently which provides the association with a much more streamlined approach to managing the membership.

### Representing the membership at events

UKATA representatives are present at leading asbestos and industry related events throughout the business calendar. With the Safety & Health Expo based in London being at the top of the list, the association has gained many new members and developed professional relationships with likeminded individuals and associations due to its presence. UKATA staff use this opportunity to promote existing members and refer delegates to UKATA approved asbestos training providers.

### Corporate Social Responsibility

Being based at the Markham Vale Environment Centre provides the association with excellent networks and opportunities to support the local community. UKATA has been able to assist local junior football clubs with sponsorships and Markham Vale Land Services who offer work placement for local residents with special educational needs.



### CPD

UKATA became a member of the CPD Certification Service. CPD represents the commitment of professionals towards the development of their personal skills and proficiency throughout their careers. UKATA CPD Accredited training courses are now being delivered nationwide.





# UKATA Annual General Meeting

The UKATA Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been set for Friday 6th July 2018, 2pm – 4pm at the stunning Radisson Blu East Midlands Hotel in Derby. Members by now will have received information about the event and are encouraged to confirm their attendance as early as possible. The AGM is a great way to meet the UKATA Office Team and Directors, get up to date on the latest news from the association and hear from two key industry speakers.

## UKATA CELEBRATORY DINNER & DANCE plus EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018

To celebrate their 10th Anniversary, UKATA will be hosting a celebratory evening to include Excellence Awards across 6 different categories.

Members should now have received information about the awards from the UKATA Head Office. Members are encouraged to submit their applications no later than 16th May 2018.

The event will be hosted by the Board of Directors and awards presented by Olympic Medal Winner Kriss Akabusi,

retired British sprint and hurdling track and field athlete who has won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals throughout his athletic stage.

The awards will be judged by an independent judging panel of industry experts.

The celebratory event will commence from 6:30pm until late and is £40.00 per head. Members are welcome to invite guests, colleagues, family and friends.

## UKATA Excellence Awards

### ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

This award recognises an organisation that has achieved outstanding results through marketing and advertising methods to promote a product, campaign or service relative to the asbestos industry within the last 12 months.

### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This award recognises an organisation that has achieved outstanding results through key initiatives that demonstrate leadership and commitment to excellence in corporate social responsibility within the last 2 years.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

This award is designed to reward exceptional standards of customer care within the last 12 months and to promote these success stories as examples to the industry.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

This award will be given to the company that most effectively demonstrates excellence in its approach to workforce development.

### TRAINING INITIATIVE

This award will be presented to the company demonstrating excellence in training initiative. This category seeks to reward those who have over the past 3 years invested in a particularly innovative or successful approach to addressing the industry's skills needs within the asbestos or health & safety sector.

### INNOVATION

This award will be delivered to the company who can demonstrate innovations over the past 3 years in process, product, method or systems relative to the asbestos or health & safety industry.

### APPLICATION RULES

Applicant must be a UKATA Member at the time of entry and the awards evening.

Applicant information will be treated as confidential and will not be used for any other purpose other than judging for the UKATA Excellence Awards.

Applicants can enter a maximum of 3 Award categories.

Entries will be judged by a panel of eminent and impartial adjudicators.

Winners will be announced at the UKATA 10 Year Celebratory Dinner & Dance, held at the Radisson Blu East Midlands, 6th July 2018. We encourage all finalists to attend the evening with their team / colleagues to celebrate business success.

The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The winners will be the businesses that, in the opinion of the judges, demonstrate the greatest fulfilment of the award category criteria.

Award Finalists & Winners may state in advertising/promotional activity and on their stationery that they are a winner/finalist but this must state the category and the year.

All Finalists and Winners consent to take part in PR and publicity relating to the UKATA Excellence Awards;

Any answers that exceed the word count will not be included as part of your entry. With the exception of the Business Overview (150 words), all other questions have a 250 word entry limit.

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Annual General Meeting

## UKATA 10th Anniversary AGM

Friday 6th July 2018

2pm – 4pm

Radisson Blu, East Midlands



### UKATA CELEBRATORY DINNER & DANCE plus EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018

Hosted by Olympic  
Medal Winner  
Kriss Akabusi



Friday 6th July 2018, 6:30pm – Midnight  
Radisson Blu, East Midlands

Drinks reception, followed by 3 course meal, silent auction,  
celebrity speaker, awards ceremony and music.

#### Award Categories:

- Judged by an independent judging panel
- EXCELLENCE AWARD
- ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD
- CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD
- CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD
- TRAINING INITIATIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD • INNOVATION

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# 20 years since Asbestos Ban

Asbestos has been banned in the UK for almost 20 years. Large amounts of asbestos were used in new and refurbished buildings before 2000. Blue (crocidolite) and brown (amosite) asbestos were banned by law in 1985. Manufacture and supply of all asbestos was banned by the end of 1999 in the UK. But there are still countries who have not implemented these laws:

The UK Asbestos Training Association has developed relationships with leading global influencers within the asbestos industry over the last 10 years, as they have similar objectives in ensuring safe working practices with asbestos products.

Although asbestos was banned almost 20 years ago, the product is still present in residential and commercial properties built before this date. Asbestos can also be present in outbuildings, including allotments/ sheds and garages as asbestos corrugated sheeting was often used as roofing pre 2000.

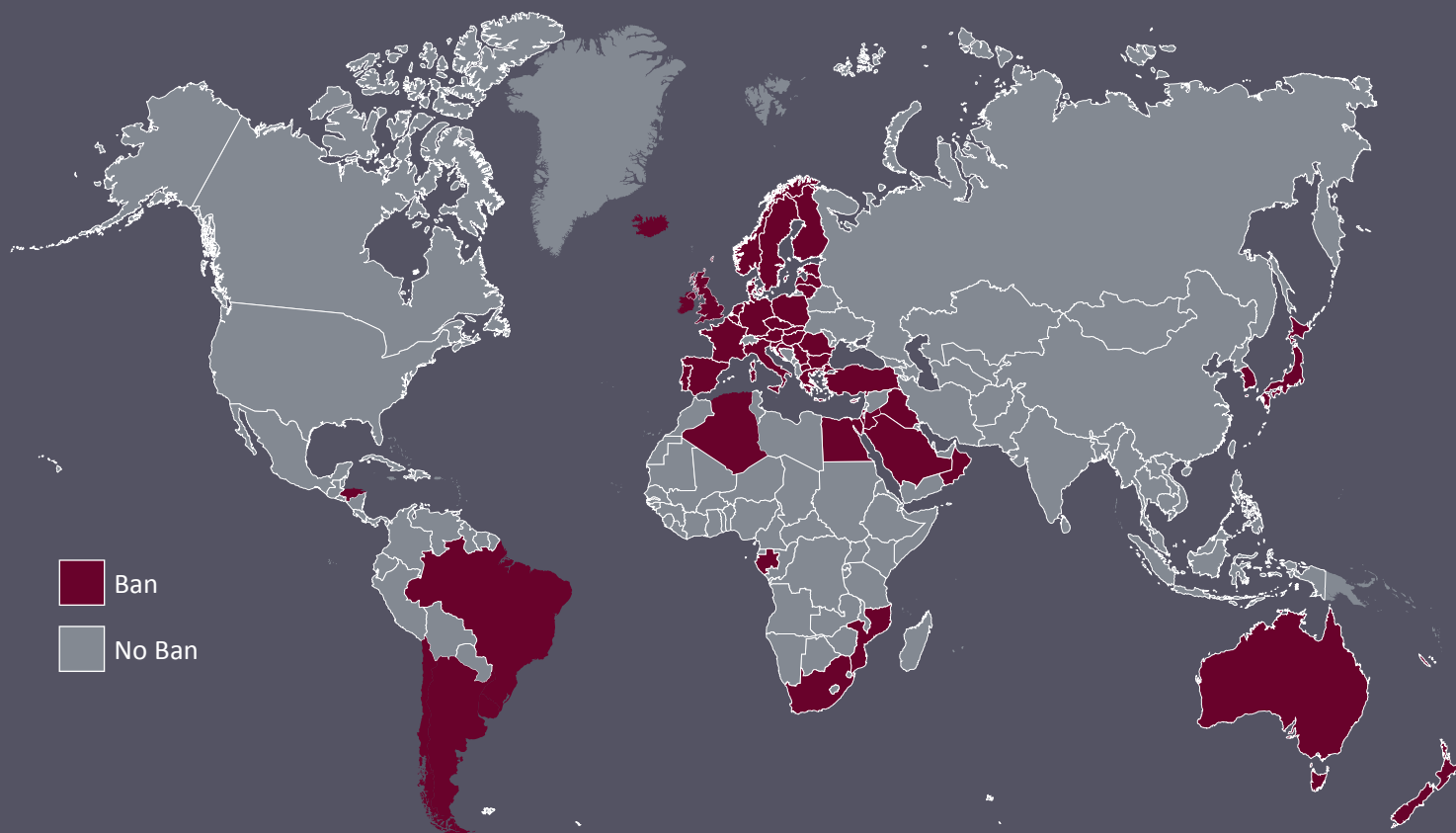
To reduce the number of unnecessary asbestos related deaths, the ideal scenario would be a worldwide ban. However not every country implements such laws,

therefore the death rates will continue and are expected to remain, where over 5,000 asbestos related deaths are reported each year in the UK alone for at least another decade.

Education is vital, and this is where UKATA excel in going beyond the basic requirements in all of their approved training courses.

Continuing to work with global contacts is something UKATA is passionate about and keeping up to date with the latest legislation across the world is very important.

The map below shows countries that currently impose an asbestos ban:



The above information is accurate as of 21.02.18 according to [http://ibasecretariat.org/chron\\_ban\\_list.php](http://ibasecretariat.org/chron_ban_list.php)



# Treatment for Mesothelioma



**Statistics from The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) show over 5,000 asbestos related deaths are still caused each year in the UK alone.**

2,542 mesothelioma deaths were reported by HSE in 2015 with similar figures projected for the rest of the decade.

Regular readers of UKATA Matters will have seen coverage of Mesothelioma survivor Mavis Nye's journey, and the story of UKATA Trainer Vernon Jenkins who sadly lost his battle to the deadly disease in 2015.

The best treatment for mesothelioma depends on several factors, including how far the cancer has spread and the general health of an individual.

As mesothelioma is often diagnosed at an advanced stage, treatment is usually focused on controlling the symptoms and prolonging life for as long as possible. This is known as palliative or supportive care.

#### **Possible treatments include:**

**Chemotherapy** - this is the main treatment for mesothelioma and involves using medicine to help shrink the cancer.

**Radiotherapy** - this involves using high-energy radiation to kill cancer cells and it may be used to slow the cancer down and keep it under control.

**Surgery** - an operation to remove the cancerous area can be done if mesothelioma is detected at a very early stage, although it's not clear whether surgery is helpful.

**Clinical Trials** - Cancer trials are carried out to try to find new and better treatments for cancer. Trials that are carried out on patients are known as clinical trials.

Many drugs and treatments that have been tested in clinical trials are now in common use and without ongoing clinical trials it would not be possible to add to the current knowledge about effective treatments.

The above treatment options have developed over the years, as mentioned earlier in this piece a prime example of positive outcome comes from Mavis Nye, for whom an immunotherapy clinical helped change her original prognosis of just 3 months into a complete response, which doesn't necessarily mean cured, but it is the best result that can be reported!

#### **Further reading:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mesothelioma/#treatments-for-mesothelioma>

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/overall/hssh1617.pdf>





# The Safety & Health Excellence Awards

## UK Asbestos Training Association Shortlisted for Campaign of The Year Award

THE SAFETY & HEALTH EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018 revealed the UK Asbestos Training Association was shortlisted for Campaign of The Year Award to recognise their efforts during the Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe free asbestos awareness training campaign.

The UK Asbestos Training Association (UKATA), has been awarded a certificate of commendation for the Campaign of the Year, at the Safety and Health Excellence Awards on 11 April at VOX, Resorts World, Birmingham hosted by Rory Bremner.

UKATA Members pledged in excess of 3,500 hours of free asbestos awareness training in support of the campaign. The training was offered nationwide to small businesses, sole traders, DIY enthusiasts and those who were unaware such training was available.

The award is another mark of success for UKATA who this year celebrate 10 years of dedication to asbestos training.

NEBOSH Chief Executive – Teresa Budworth from the judging panel said “I think we spend a lot of time in health and safety focussing on what went wrong, so I think it is really good that we are celebrating success”

The Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign was created by the UK Asbestos Training Association, to keep small businesses and sole traders safe from the UK’s biggest workplace killer – asbestos, which still sees over 5,000 in the UK die each year, due to asbestos related disease, including asbestos related cancer – mesothelioma.

“Receiving for the Campaign of The Year Award means so much to the team, who put a great deal of time and effort into ensuring the campaign was a huge success. It is also a significant recognition of our members commitment to raising awareness of the risks associated to working with asbestos.” said Victoria Castelluccio – Events & Marketing Officer.

UKATA work closely with Mesothelioma charities nationwide to raise asbestos awareness, including Mesothelioma UK and The Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team, who supported the campaign by sharing details with their service users.

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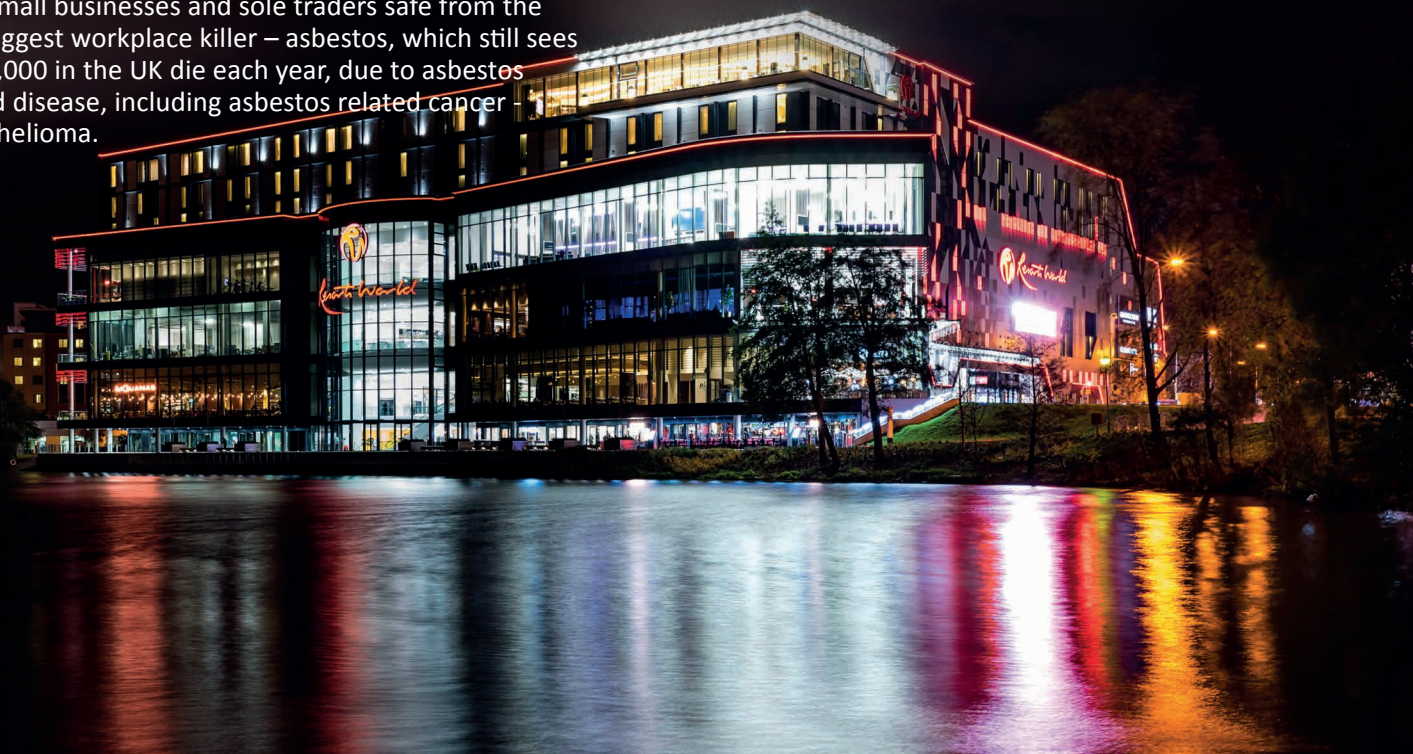
Shortlisted nominees for

**Campaign of the Year Award**



**The Safety & Health Excellence Awards 2018**

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# Looking forward to the next Decade



**Now 10 years old, UKATA has gained respect and recognition within the health and safety industry. The Senior Management Team predict a positive future ahead.**

## **Investment in staff**

The future of the association will not be possible without a hardworking and well-trained workforce. Staff development is vital to continue the professional level of service currently offered to members. With the apprentice team eager to learn and develop, the senior members of staff can focus on new ideas and initiatives to further progress the association.

## **Legislation**

UKATA will continue to represent training providers on the HSE ALG (Asbestos Leadership Group), the HSE TWG (Technical Working Group) and at other industry related meetings and events. UKATA will continue to play an active role in future consultations with HSE and other key industry stakeholders. With asbestos regulations and accompanying codes of practice currently under review, UKATA strives to keep members up to date with the latest news and updates within the sector.

## **Membership**

The core membership of UKATA has been steadily increasing over the last several years, however, the past 6 months in particular has seen a huge upsurge in new membership applications. With the current portfolio of additional course syllabi developed by UKATA over the past 12 months, it is understandable to see such an increased interest in UKATA membership.

UKATA will continue to develop new course syllabi for the benefit of the membership and industry, working closely with members and consulting on training standards.

UKATA is also committed to improving the membership benefits on offer and look forward to working closely with members on a range of membership benefits and initiatives.

## **Corporate/ Industry Associate Status**

Senior Management are meeting with potential associates on an almost weekly basis, with so many organisations approaching UKATA with a desire to become an industry associate and share their services with members.

## **Industry Developments**

UKATA plan to work in harmonisation with key stakeholders and likeminded associations for the interests of the asbestos and wider industry. Working to improve standards and work methods to ensure workers are competent.

## **It's good to talk...**

As you will see from reading the events section of this edition you will know UKATA has several speaking opportunities in 2018. This is something that is becoming more demanding for the UKATA Directors and a matter of interest to the Board. The Director of Brand, Development and Marketing plans to refocus the current strategy and review future events and conferences. "As we grow, and the name UKATA is more widely recognised the opportunities to address conferences is on the increase. One of the objectives of the association is to raise asbestos awareness. Providing expert speakers is a perfect way to deliver the objective and raise the profile of UKATA" says Director Jacqui Royall.

## **Charity work & support**

UKATA has raised in excess of £3,000 for charity partner of the year Mesothelioma UK. More fundraising ideas are planned to assist with research and development of the organisation. UKATA is also committed to promoting the asbestos support groups nationwide. Working closely with Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team in the first instance due to the location being close to head office, the support has expanded through the power of social media and the reach available from UKATA networking channels such as Twitter/ LinkedIn and Facebook. A dedicated website page will soon be allocated for the support groups once the new site goes live in Spring.

## **Brand Protection**

An issue the staff team and Board of Directors can't emphasise enough – Brand Protection! The team work tirelessly to protect the brand of UKATA for the benefit of members. This also expands into ensuring delegates receive approved UKATA training, as there are some fraudsters delivering courses which are not approved. Committed to pushing this forward, Brand Development Officer Jackie Peat is fully equipped with the support of her colleagues to tackle these issues.







Craig Evans receives his award for Business Person of the Year from Stuart Cutworth at the Derbyshire Times Business Awards 2016. Picture: Andrew Roe



# Upcoming Events

## Safety & Health Expo 19th – 21st June 2018

Join UKATA at ExCeL London on stand T350 for Europe's largest health and safety event.

## UKATA AGM 6th July 2018

UKATA Members are invited to attend UKATA AGM which will be held at The Radisson Blu, East Midlands airport. Members will support Action Mesothelioma Day which coincides with the AGM.

## UKATA EXCELLENCE AWARDS & 10 Year Anniversary Celebrations 6th July 2018

To celebrate their 10 year anniversary, UKATA will be hosting a celebratory evening to include Excellence Awards across 6 different categories.

The event will be hosted by the Board of Directors and presented by Olympic Medal Winner Kriss Akabusi at The Radisson Blu, East Midlands. The event is open to UKATA Members and associates within the health and safety industry. For tickets please contact Victoria Castelluccio on 01246 824 437.

## Contamination Expo 12th & 13th September 2018

The event will take place at NEC in Birmingham where UKATA will promote the association to an audience of over 15,000. With a custom made platform on stand number 5S80 and theatre dedicated to raising asbestos awareness and the latest in the contamination industry to delegates and exhibitors, UKATA can promote another effective show.

## UK Construction Week 9th – 11th October 2018

UKATA have again been approached by UKCW to provide a speaker for the show to be hosted at NEC Birmingham. Professor Roger Willey will represent the association and address the audience with his knowledge within the asbestos industry.



For tickets and more information on any of the events above please contact Victoria Castelluccio – Marketing & Events: 01246 824 437

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