

Celebrating Industry Excellence: FASET AGM and Awards 2023

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The highly anticipated [FASET AGM](#) and Awards event took place on Thursday 23rd November at Worsley Park Country Club, just outside of Manchester. With over 100 members of the FASET association in attendance, this was largest event to date, packed with organisational updates, fascinating speaker sessions and a esteemed awards-ceremony and social evening.

As the widely recognised trade association and training provider for the safety netting and temporary safety systems industry, FASET has played a fundamental role in providing leading guidance and legislation to support the industry. Originating in the late 1990s, the association has evolved to serve a core purpose: supporting its members in ensuring the safety of their clients, employees, and sites.

FASET Managing Director, Tony Seddon, said “Last week’s AGM was a resounding success. With over 100 representatives from members from across the organisation, the day provided a vital opportunity for associates to voice their feedback and provide suggestions for the future of the association.

“Every day, the work of FASET members protects lives and ensures that construction site workers within the UK go home to their families at the end of the day. Hosting an annual awards evening to highlight and celebrate the hard work of these member companies provides an essential opportunity to recognise the significance they place in the safety of our industry.”

The 2023 FASET Award Winners

With deep-purple lighting illuminating the room, the stage was well and truly set for an evening full of celebration and entertainment.

Award-winning comedian, Pete Otway took to the stage, providing belly laughs all round, readying the room for the highly anticipated announcements. With spirits high, Managing Director, Tony Seddon commenced the awards ceremony.

The winners were announced as follows (quotations are from Tony Seddon):

1. Trainee of the Year Award, sponsored by 3 Education

Winner: Max Taylor, Stasafe Limited.

"The progress made by the winner of tonight's Trainee of the Year award has been nothing short of incredible. He has successfully moved through so many qualifications since starting in the industry and is seen to have been a great addition to his employer's team."

- Installer of the Year Award, sponsored by Huck Nets Ltd

Winner: Chris Keeler, Safety Net Services.

"His commitment to others shone through, as he identified a defect with the structure on the site which could have led to an accident and raised them with the site management. They were extremely grateful of this fact and gave vouchers to the team in recognition of his action."

- Investment in People Award, sponsored by Trad Hire and Sales Ltd

"When judging this award, we were delighted with the standard of entries. So much so, we felt that two entries were worthy of mention, so we have decided in this category to recognize a Highly Commended entry and a Winner."

Highly Commended: Onestop Safety Solutions Ltd

Winner: Prodeck Safety Systems Ltd

"Onestop Safety Solutions Ltd showed commitment to advancing their people from the installers and back-room staff through the office and directors. The company showed a great commitment to FASET Training throughout.

"Prodeck Safety Systems Ltd demonstrated a company that is led from the front by the owners and directors. Most of the large workforce hold blue FASET Cards, showing a commitment to FASET Standards. Many client commendations showed how well the site teams are valued by them."

- Health, Safety and Environmental Achievement Award sponsored by IPAF

This category is open to any FASET Member company who can demonstrate outstanding performance or innovation in health, safety and/or environmental issues.

Winner: Prodeck Safety Systems Ltd

"Prodeck Safety Systems Ltd embedded themselves within the FASET Committees and the entry demonstrated taking on and pushing hard a safety critical message that members of the specific committee have been publicizing widely to make sites safer.

“...In recognition of their work in promoting the safe use of access hatches, it gives us great pleasure to present this award.”

- Excellence of Work Award, sponsored by Leon De Oro

This award is designed to recognise those FASET Member Companies who deserve recognition for their high standard of work, client satisfaction and good practice – celebrating the best of FASET and its members.

Winner: Jorvik Safety Netting Ltd

“Jorvik Safety Netting Ltd demonstrated how they worked in tight confined areas, in tricky surroundings. Demonstrating the benefits of early engagement, they were instrumental in identifying issues which could then be resolved by lateral thinking and good planning. Variation, flexibility and adaptation to change designs and client awards to staff members gave the judges a clear winner in this category.”

During the night, donations were collected for both the No Falls Foundation and Prostate Cancer UK with over £2,200 raised.

The AGM

The day kicked off with the customary introductions, welcoming long-standing partners, colleagues and friends back to this year’s AGM. The morning proceeded with essential AGM updates, board appointments, and financial reports.

Martyn Ostcliffe, David Walton and Bill Dunkerley opened with an insightful discussion surrounding the regulatory and criminal outcome of serious workplace incidents. Their expert analysis emphasised the collective responsibility on stakeholders to reduce risk.

Breakout sessions followed, with opportunities to provide feedback and make suggestions for the future of the organisation. Managing Director, Tony Seddon said, “This is the members’ association. Listening to and implementing their suggestions and taking their advice on board, is a fundamental part of what we’re about. We’ve taken on-board all comments and will be implementing where possible in due course.”

The afternoon saw a profoundly personal session led by Teresa Clark, Founder and Alchemist at The Wellness Revolution. Advocating for organisations to lead with purpose by prioritising well-being and human experience, the session emphasised that we should all “Treat Health as Safety”, a term coined at the London 2012 Olympics. Teresa presented eye-opening statistics on mental well-being in the workplace, leaving attendees with a strong sense that addressing the ‘silent pandemic’ is as crucial as implementing site safety measures.

Following the day, Mr Seddon emphasised its importance:

“The event is a crucial date in the height industry calendar, with the industry being so well represented at this year’s AGM, I’m enthusiastic with the conversations and cross-member networking I’ve seen today.

“Today wouldn’t have been possible without the support from our members and sponsors, I’d like to extend my thanks to you all for making this possible.

“We shouldn’t forget that what our members do every day is save lives. Whether it be sub-contracting or training, their work is complex and demanding, and their dedication to safety means people within the construction industry go home to their family at the end of the day. The awards evening serves as a token of our appreciation and recognition for the vital work they all carry out.

“Everybody involved with FASET should be extremely proud of what they achieve. Regardless of whether you entered or won, you are deeply valued by the industry and beyond.”