



## ULTRA ACCESS National Scaffolders Day

Celebrating the Scaffolding Industry & Ultra Access's vision for the future.

Happy Scaffolders Day! 🧭

Ultra Access is proud to be a part of this community, and will do everything in our power to continue supporting it moving forward.

An industry of strong hardworking men and courageous women, being backbone of all British (and growing in its prevalence in global) construction.

Working class grit and determination combined with middle class enterprise and innovation make this trade not only critical for construction work, but many other sectors.

And it's about time that it (and the people within) was recognised for their commitment to one of the oldest trades in human history.

Our future vision (and hopes) for this old, but incredibly important industry is to see marked improvements in the following areas, as well as new systems brought in to make the overall industry much more robust:

- Youth engagement (enticing the next generation of scaffolders) using all social media tools and marketing available to "sell the industry".
- Changes to the CISRS scaffolder training system with a more reasonably priced and streamlined CPD course brought in yearly, instead of the 5 year classroom cause currently in service.
- Scaffolding training to be required legally by law, instead of the current ambiguity of "competent persons".
- Increases to basic scaffolder wages with possible incentive schemes and bonus's offered for exceptional work produced, etc - being made industry standard.
- The currently recognised "best practice" guidance written by the NASC is updated and in turn enforced by the HSE with it actually becoming part of Health and Safety Law.
- Scaffolding quality and safety inspections becoming third party only (Scaffolding Contractors should not be allowed to essentially "mark their own homework").
- PPE, especially with the outdated Fall Arrest Lanyards being outlawed throughout this industry and the more suitable Fall Restraint, or Retractable Inertia Blocks being used instead.
- Manual Handling processes, with mechanical lifting aids being used primarily, and the old "Rope and Wheel" being used if all other systems are inadequate, to make the industry more inclusive and realistically viable as a career choice for both new male and female scaffolders entering the industry.
- Mental Health Wellbeing programs offered to all within the industry, with "exit strategy" plans put in place for scaffolders coming to the end of their time "on the tools", with further career progression support freely available.
- Financial awareness courses and money management advice offered to all scaffolders, along with a dedicated Scaffolders Trade Union, to bring changes to working conditions and pay.

... to begin with.

Have a great day, Scaffs and keep leading the way.

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