

News

Cleaning labelled a 'key sector' in future economy

Facilities management and cleaning have been highlighted by the government as an emerging 'key sector' for future economic growth.

The first ever National Strategic Skills Audit has claimed that the service industry is expected to account for more than one third of total jobs growth over the next few years. Asset Skills had substantial input into the Audit, through its Sector Skills Assessment research and studies into employment trends and skills gaps, in three of six sectors deemed to be growth areas.

The first [report](#) aims to provide government and employers greater insight into England's existing and future skill needs. It identifies the sectors, occupations and skills on which the UK needs to particularly focus so that it is able to effectively meet the changing needs of the economy and labour market.

Wakefield Council Twitters against Litter

North Yorkshire's Wakefield council is using social networking phenomenon twitter to highlight the massive cost of cleaning up after litter louts and keep residents updated about cleanliness in their region.



The initiative comes after council chiefs revealed last week that £4m of their budget is being spent on clearing litter every year. The council calculates that their annual spend on street cleaning is the equivalent of the cost of 40 children's play areas, 150 neighbourhood patrollers or planting 16 million flowers and plants.

Steve Wright, Chairman of the British Cleaning Council, said: "Anything which raises awareness of the indiscriminate dropping of litter blighting our towns is always welcome, and the British Cleaning Council urges members of the public to support the people keeping our streets clean in any way they can."



Diary

Carpex/Windex 2010

March saw the annual Carpex/Windex 2010 exhibition taking place at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry. Organised by the NCCA and the FWC, the two day event drew a record 70 exhibitors and 3,000 visitors.



Paul Pearce, NCCA Technical Director, said: "Once again this year, the Windex/ Carpex presented the most comprehensive showcase within the carpet and window cleaning sectors. We were particularly pleased with the feedback from the seminar programs that were ran. It was another reminder of the appetite amongst our industry for information on the key issues around our sector, and its near-universal desire to keep abreast of current industry thought and legislation."

CIEH Cleaning in food premises workshops

CIEH have announced three more one-day workshops, designed to support the delivery of the new CIEH Level 2 Award in Cleaning in Food Premises qualification:

15 April – **London**, 13 July – **Manchester**, 23 September – **Birmingham**.

To register interest please click [here](#)

CSSA AGM and Luncheon: London, 17th June 2010

The CSSA's AGM and Lunch will be held at The Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly on Thursday, 17th June 2010. Tickets can be obtained by emailing the CSSA [here](#).

Building Cleanability Awards Ceremony: 12th July 2010

The Building Cleanability Awards will take place on Monday 12th July 2010 at Guildhall in the City of London. The event includes a lunch, stand-up from comedian Barry Cryer followed by the Awards themselves. Limited tickets remain available, please contact the [BCA](#)