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of concrete
products

**BRITISH
PRECAST**

Introduction

British Precast is a highly effective industry federation of member companies, dedicated to improving the business environment for the £2bn precast concrete products industry in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Full Membership is available to producers of precast concrete products with at least one plant in the UK, while Associate Membership is offered to companies and organisations involved in the industry supply chain.

Our offices are situated in the centre of Leicester, close to the M1/M69 junction and East Midlands Airport. Leicester Railway Station is a short walk away and offers a frequent service to London.

Our small administration team are based here and we have comfortable meeting rooms to cater for meetings and activity groups. A hot desk area is also available for members' use.

For our members' protection, we operate all our activities in full conformity with the requirements of the Competition Acts and guidelines.

We are constantly active in political lobbying on behalf of the industry and individual members where applicable. Our Chief Executive leads this work in Westminster, Whitehall and Brussels.

We work closely with the Construction Products Association (CPA) and BIMB in Brussels, in addition to other cement and concrete representative bodies, to provide a proactive network and a united front for common objectives.

Technical services

British Precast is represented on a large number of British and European product and code committees, thus ensuring appropriate influence in the creation of standards and a means of keeping members informed.

We offer advice and training on major new legislation and standards, particularly involving UK harmonisation with Europe. The Techinfo service is a significant source of technical news and developments.

Training

British Precast actively participates in the development of training initiatives together with our partners such as Proskills and The Hard Landscape Training Group.

The development of NVQs and CSCS cards are demonstrable outputs.

Sustainability and environmental affairs

British Precast recognises and supports the growing importance of sustainability and environmental issues as part of the future for commercial growth.

Our Sustainability Strategy Committee steers overall policy and the Environmental Forum promotes the exchange of experiences and advice.

All Full Members are encouraged to commit to the Sustainability Charter, which encompasses an audit process and submission of KPIs to measure cross-industry performance.

British Precast also has a Responsibly Sourced Materials Credit scheme developed with BRE. Full Members will be able to claim conformity with the materials credits requirements of the Code for Sustainable Homes and the London 2012 Olympics. A growing number of public and private projects require similar criteria.

British Precast offers a confidential environmental consultancy service at advantageous rates for Full Members, as well as a regular newsletter that keeps members up to date with current developments.

Communication and the bigger picture

British Precast maintains active membership of the Construction Products Association, BIMB, the UK Green Building Council and the Trade Association Forum of the CBI.

Together with close association with organisations such as The Concrete Centre and Buildoffsite, we have established a pan-industry and European network of contacts for the industry.



Information and promotion is disseminated through our website, news alerts, exhibition participation, a supplement in *Construction News* and many other channels.

Product sectors

The precast concrete industry encompasses a wide spread of products, markets and supply chains. This is echoed by the large number of product standards and associated codes and regulations. Some of our members are active in virtually all sectors, while others specialise in just one or two.

In recognition of this complexity we administer a matrix of product sector groups, each responsible for a defined area. These range from masonry and paving to cladding and pipeline systems.

The work of these very focused groups spans technical and regulatory matters, health and safety, sustainability, education and training and sector marketing programmes.

There is close co-ordination between groups to avoid overlap and to maximise effectiveness. At the same time their programmes are synchronised with other concrete industry groups.

New product groups can be formed where a requirement emerges. Membership fees for British Precast do not include the costs of participating in the activities of our product sector groups.



Events and exhibitions

British Precast offers a wide range of conferences, workshops and seminars to cover topics of importance to our members and on occasion to influence stakeholders external to the sector.

Social events such as our Annual Golf Day offer excellent networking opportunities in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Our flagship day is the AGM and Annual Conference, which is an excellent networking opportunity and features a review of the Federation's activities, informative speakers and an Associate Members' showcase.

We also promote our members' companies when we exhibit at seminars and national exhibitions, such as Futurebuild/Ecobuild and the Homebuilding and Renovation Show.

In addition, we offer a range of sponsorship opportunities for our events, publications and annual awards.

British Precast Awards

The British Precast Best Practice Awards ceremony has established itself as a major event in the industry calendar.

The awards presented are regarded as highly prestigious within the industry and currently embrace Innovation, Sustainability, Health and Safety, Best Project and Creativity in Concrete.

Entries are subsequently published in our annual *Moving the Industry Forward* report.

Health and safety

British Precast Health and Safety Committee is open to all Full Members.



Its activities are fully supported and endorsed by the Health and Safety Executive who use our initiatives as exemplar schemes.

Not only can members achieve commercial gain by reducing the cost of accidents resulting in lost time, but also insurers offer premium discounts to companies who can demonstrate participation in such schemes.

The Concrete Targets 2010 scheme is part of our ongoing initiative to improve health and safety, with a target of zero accidents, zero illness and zero lost time by 2010. So far it has seen a reduction in accidents of 65% in seven years.

Full and Associate Membership benefits

Benefit	Full Member	Associate Member
Inclusion in British Precast Buyers' Guide and Bespoke Concrete Producers Directory	✓	✓
Web links	✓	✓
Membership of Construction Products Association	✓	✓
Regular newsletters, safety alerts and email bulletins	✓	
Daily British Precast email news alerts	✓	
Technical Information Service	✓	
Croner advisory hotline	✓	✓
Croner Business Services	✓	
Sustainability Charter	✓	
Responsibly Sourced Materials Credit scheme	✓	
Concrete Targets 2010 scheme	✓	
Project and Safety Awards	✓	
Sustainability Awards	✓	✓
Innovation Award	✓	✓
Priority booking and discounts on events	✓	✓
Free Annual Conference package		✓
Help and technical advice from BPCF staff	✓	
Right to use British Precast logo	✓	✓
Priority in press features and exhibitions	✓	
Involvement in BSI and CEN standards and codes committees	✓	
Opportunity to partner in research projects	✓	
Sponsorship opportunities	✓	✓
Industry and supply chain networking opportunities	✓	✓

Associate Membership

Associate Membership of British Precast is a must for all involved in supplying products, plant and services to our £2bn sector. Current coverage includes:

- Aggregates
- Cementitious products
- Concrete admixtures
- Consultancy and research
- Fibre reinforcement
- Mobile plant and trucks
- Moulds
- Packed products
- Pigments
- Precast erectors
- Production plant
- Reinforcing steel
- Universities and colleges

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