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2018 was a big year for the Lead Sheet Association when it became the Lead Sheet Training Academy. The LSTA has had a great year, providing industry-leading training in lead and hard metals with its fully

accredited courses. We were also proud to become the UK's sole provider of CITB Specialist-applied Skills Programmes (SAPs) in lead and hard metals, as well as delivering City & Guilds Accredited Programmes that give our students industry-recognised qualifications and clear progression routes.

Our friendly staff are always on hand to help you find the right course for you, as well as provide advice and support on the funding that may also be available for the training you want to undertake.

I recently joined the team at the end of October and I am looking forward to developing the organisation as we move forward. I spent 15 years at City and Guilds as a Regional Business Manager which gives me an in-depth understanding of the workbased training sector.

I am really looking forward to the challenge of growing what is already a very successful training operation. From basic to advanced courses within the specialist sector we are the sole provider of the CITB SAPs programme whilst also offering City & Guilds accredited lead and hard metal courses. Supporting experienced operatives through the delivery of OSAT levels 2 and Heritage level 3 we have a unique offer for the roofing industry and I am passionate about getting the message about the benefits of training out to a wider audience.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and successful New Year!

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Are you proud of the leadwork skills you have and have undertaken an LSTA or LSA leadwork course? If so, don't miss your chance to give your career a boost and gain recognition for your skills by entering the LSTA Leadworker of the Year competition.

The competition is open to leadworkers in the UK – whether you are selfemployed or working for a contractor.

There are also some career boosting prizes available with the winner receiving a free week of training at the LSTA, a set of tools and a copy of the Rolled Lead Sheet Manual. The runners up will receive a copy of the manual and a three-day personalised development training course with the LSTA's experienced tutors.

You will also gain industry recognition as the Award will also be presented as part of the UK Roofing Awards in May 2019. The LSTA is a proud Industry Partner of this event.

For more details on the competition and to download the application form and competition Rules and Guidelines, please visit www.leadsheet.co.uk/service/lsta-leadworker-of-the-year-2019



Shining a light on training

We are keen to feature the impact training has on those that pass through our training centre.

If you have a story to tell, as an individual who has benefitted or a contractor whose staff we have trained, then please let us know as we would love to feature you in this newsletter and other opportunities we have across our website, social media channels and external publications. Just drop us a line at info@leadsheet.co.uk or speak to one of us next time you are in the training centre.



Updated Rolled Lead Sheet Manual

Whilst our main focus is training, the LSTA also continued to produce the Rolled Lead Sheet -Complete Manual. In the 2018 edition we took the opportunity to make some minor updates and amendments and rebrand it to reflect the fact it is now overseen by the LSTA.

The new Manual is available online as an e-Book and also as a printed copy. This valuable resource for the construction industry will continue to be produced by the LSTA in the future, overseen by an editorial board with representatives from across the industry.



Find lead and hard metal workers at a glance

Alongside the Manual, the LSTA's website also began hosting the new Traditional Metal Roofer Directory. Those listed have undertaken specific training in lead and hard metal work either under the LSTA or a former Lead Sheet Association course.

We have put together this important Directory to help a range of people – from an architect looking to ensure the work they have specified is undertaken by a qualified craftsman, to a contractor looking to bring on a specialist to their team for a specific job, or a member of the public wanting to find someone with the skill level for a domestic job.

The listings are easily searchable by area or skill level, or you can simply scroll through the Directory in its entirety. You can find the Directory on the LSTA website.

Contractors' Day

The LSTA was pleased to take part in the first Contractors' Day event on 30th November at the iconic Twickenham Stadium.

We had a great day meeting a range of companies who were interested in the different training opportunities we can offer to contractors. If you are a company interested in getting your staff trained, then do call us for a chat so we can support you with any specific needs.

Don't forget to follow us on social media for all the latest updates, news, events and offers.

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