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### **Rising to the challenge: New partnership between CITB-ConstructionSkills and IPAF**

The CITB-ConstructionSkills National Specialist Team and the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF) have started a collaborative partnership to promote and develop training initiatives within specialist sectors of the construction industry in the UK.

Under the partnership, a dedicated Training Advisor from the CITB-ConstructionSkills National Specialist Team provides support to IPAF members in the UK in the creation and provision of business-related training, and in developing both their business and their staff. The Advisor can also assist companies registered with CITB-ConstructionSkills to gain access to grant support for training, subject to eligibility. Some areas that IPAF members can get assistance with are:

- Grants for apprentices
- Grant support for other types of training
- Support in creating training and development plans
- Technical, management and professional support
- Helping teams gain essential qualifications
- Supporting short-duration off-the-job training to achieve the necessary skills.

Besides signposting existing opportunities, the CITB-ConstructionSkills National Specialist Team can help IPAF members to develop a customised in-house training programme in the form of a Specialist Training Plan (STP) specifically tailored to suit their requirements. The aim is to ensure that a quality and targeted in-house training programme is developed and monitored, for occupations where no “off-the-job” provision exists, or where there are geographical difficulties preventing employees from attending any existing training.

IPAF members can contact the CITB-ConstructionSkills dedicated Training Advisor:

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