



STA's February 2019 Newsletter



STA Lead the Way With Pool Plant Operative Training

CIMSPA has defined a new employer-led professional standard for the role of a pool plant operative in the UK. Leading the way is the STA Level 3 Award in Pool Plant Operations, which is the only qualification that currently meets the new pool plant operative professional standard, and to receive professional endorsement by CIMSPA, the sector's single chartered professional body.

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2019 STA National Conference—Save the Date

We can confirm that this year's national conference will be taking place at the Crowne Plaza in Stratford-upon-Avon on Saturday 12th October. This stunning venue is not only centrally located in the town, it is also beautifully sited next to the River Avon. More information will follow shortly, but in the meantime bookings are already open for the day!

[BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

In Just One Year, Safety Training Awards Trained More Than 33,000 Learners

2018 was a big year for Safety Training Awards and also a record year for certification, with more than 33,000 qualifications and accredited CPD certificates being issued. STA's CEO Dave Candler said that these latest figures serve to positively highlight STA's continual growth across aquatics, lifesaving, first aid and pool plant.

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New Partnership With Autism Swim

STA is passionate about teaching swimming to learners of all ages and abilities, and equipping teachers with the specialist skills they require; the team are

therefore delighted to welcome an exclusive new partnership with Autism Swim. This will enable members to access their specialist autism training packages at a discounted rate and for swim schools to become 'Autism Swim Approved.'

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Awards Survey

Our aquatics working group are calling on all swim schools and swimming teachers to take part in a mini awards survey. All feedback will be greatly appreciated and will help us further understand how STA awards are currently being used by members and swim schools within their learn to swim programmes.

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Show Support for the World's Largest Swimming Lesson™

Now in its 10th year, STA is proud to be a gold level supporter of The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL), which was created as a platform to help the aquatics industry build awareness about the fundamental importance of teaching children to swim. Since its inception, more than 278,000 children and adults in close to 50 countries have participated in WLSL lessons, and in this anniversary year we are once again reaching out to STA swim schools to

register and take part on Thursday 20th June 2019. See all the information here on how to become a 'host location.'

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

New Online Search Facility for ATCs

This month, STA updated its popular web search facility to include approved training centres (ATCs). This new user-friendly function allows users to either search for an ATC by postcode or through the website's built-in map feature, which can detect a user's location and automatically locate their nearest ATC. Users can also filter their search criterion by the qualifications each Safety Training Awards ATC delivers, including swimming teaching, lifesaving, first aid, pool plant and more.

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International Learn to Swim Week 2019

STA's International Learn to Swim Week will be back on 13th May with the aim of promoting water safety and learning to swim, no matter age, location, or ability. Also, don't forget to follow STA on social media during March, when we will be revealing more details about our new young Water Safety Squad ambassadors!

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Safeguarding Advice for Tutors

With the recent inclusion of safeguarding within the STA Award in Teaching Swimming qualification, Safety Training Awards recognises that this may trigger learners who have suffered past experiences without fully recognising or processing them, and is offering further advice to tutors.

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Swimming Teacher Receives Top Fellowship

A swimming teacher from Walsall, who has been teaching for more than a half century has received STA's highest membership honour. Elizabeth Atthey, aged 72 years, has been teaching swimming for 53 years and in honour of this achievement, STA has awarded her with Fellow Membership status and free life membership.

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New Pool Lifeguard Qualification— Register Your Interest

Following the announcement that our new Pool Lifeguard qualification is coming soon, please make sure you register your interest and be the first to receive regular updates on the launch and qualification details!

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

And Finally...

Congratulations to Sandwell Leisure Trust's Swimming Development Officer, Val McFarland, who has been awarded STA's prestigious Cross of Merit award for lifelong dedication to teaching and instructing. [Read the full story here.](#)



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