

Facilities Management from A to Z



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Facilities Management Association (The FMA)

Trade Associations provide representative and other collective products and services to businesses with common interests. A Trade Association's main focus is as a representative body putting forward the collective view and position of its members to government departments, agencies and regulators and also to the media and other opinion formers. Trade Associations are usually non-profit organisations with a governing body made up of elected representatives from its members, depending upon their Rules and Constitution.

The Facilities Management Association (FMA) is the Trade Association for employers in the FM sector engaged in delivering non-core services to a broad range of public and private organisations. In 2012 the FMA members declared a collective annual turnover of more than £40 billion, employing more than 500,000 people across the UK.

The FMA's declared goal is to support member companies in their pursuit of ever increasing standards of service and value on behalf of their clients and to assist them in improving their trading positions through innovation and thought leadership. The FMA Vision is "To provide market leading representation for our members whilst providing them with opportunities to participate, develop and collaborate for the benefit of themselves and the industry."

The FMA Committee is chaired by the elected Chairman and comprises senior representatives drawn from the membership. This committee is assisted by various working groups, including Membership, IT and Events, Health and Safety and The Young Managers' Forum. The financial management of the Association is vested in a corporate body, FMA Ltd, which is managed by senior personnel drawn from the membership.

The FMA represents the Facilities Industry on a number of important bodies including the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) Trade Association Council and Asset Skills, the Sector Skills Council for facilities management, housing, property, planning, cleaning and parking.

The FMA is active in supporting young managers in the FM sector promoting and organising the FMA Young Manager of the Year Award at the annual PFM Partnership Awards. Due to the positive response of the industry to this award; the FMA set up the Young Managers Forum (YMF) in May 2004 to encourage and support young managers in the Facilities Management industry.

Through a partnership with the Sheffield Business School at Sheffield Hallam University, the FMA provides with the opportunity to study for an MBA in Facilities Management. This opportunity is restricted to Member's employees who have completed the FMA's own FM Certificate. The blended learning course, which builds on the University's portfolio of facilities management courses including its existing MBA and offers reduced contact time to allow independent study, and completion of the programme in just 3 years with 20 days tuition in London.

For more information on the FMA, the YMF and the FMA MBA visit www.fmassociation.org.uk