



PRESS RELEASE FROM THE GREENKEEPERS TRAINING COMMITTEE (GTC)

New e-company gains GTC Quality Assured Training Provider status

A Middlesbrough based e-learning provider has created a unique online health & safety training package that has captured the imagination of employers, trade unions, insurance companies and educationalists worldwide and has now become the latest GTC Quality Assured Training Provider.

mylearnadfriend Ltd has developed software that works in conjunction with 360 degree panorama photography to recreate any work environment on-screen which enables employees to identify workplace hazards and correctly deal with them.

David Golding, GTC's Education Director, has been instrumental in bringing this innovative health & safety online learning platform to the Golfing industry. mylearnadfriend have worked with industry specialists and, thanks to the GTC, have been able to develop a product which will be of great interest to golf clubs.

David says, "It simplifies the delivery of accredited training, reduces the time employees need to spend away from their work, is cost-effective, leads to accredited qualifications and improves safety standards. Everyone wins."

Alan Plom, former head of HSE's Agriculture Safety Section, Chair: Farm Safety Partnership's Machinery Safety sub-group, Vice Chair: IOSH Rural Industries Group (RIG) says,

"I think the idea of an on-line interactive hazard spotting e-tool for employers, based on a 360 degree view of a workplace to assess risks, would be attractive to workers in many industries, not just the 'environmental and land-based' sector".

Tony Abbott, mylearnadfriend MD, said "Our product is attracting attention from FE colleges, a number of major international manufacturers, trade associations and private training providers. One International partner is looking to take the product into 90 countries and another has identified 60 European markets where this kind of product would be unique.

Now we are a GTC Quality Assured Training Provider we can support the Golfing industry and our Safe Worker course will satisfy their legal obligations to ensure all their staff are H&S aware and certificated".

More information about the forthcoming Safe Worker programme can be viewed on www.mylearnadfriend.co.uk and comments are welcome.

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