

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **National Flood School Course takes Building and FM Contractors to Next Level**

Building and facilities management contractors can increase sales by taking their knowledge of water damage remediation to the next level, according to the National Flood School.

Experts from the National Flood School are running a four-day Applied Structural Drying Course, which covers the essential knowledge needed by any contractor serious about offering a professional water restoration service.

The programme, being delivered in conjunction with The Clean Trust, uses the school's Flood House in Farnham, Surrey, to deliver hands-on experience of advanced drying techniques and equipment.

Believed to be the only one of its type in Europe, the Flood House is an eight-room structure made with materials and techniques typical to UK buildings.

It is flooded with 1,500 litres of water over a 24-hour period before students apply different methods to dry it out.

Chris Netherton, Managing Director of The National Flood School, said: "New business is hard to come by for contractors at the moment, but adding a new string to their bow can significantly increase sales.

"With the winter just ahead of us, builders and contractors who can demonstrate genuine expertise in water damage remediation will be in a very strong position to win work from householders and insurance companies."

The Applied Structural Drying Course includes dealing with sewage escapes, how different materials react to prolonged exposure to water, the science of drying and the use of dehumidifiers.

Delegates also learn about indoor air quality, "negative and positive air", advanced drying techniques, the maths of drying and more.

Lectures, discussions and videos are also used by trainers as part of the course, which takes place this year between December 6 and December 9 and March 27 and 30, 2012.

Videos about the National Flood School can be seen at the National Flood School's own YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/nationalfloodschool](http://www.youtube.com/nationalfloodschool)

For more details about the National Flood School, the Applied Structural Drying Course and other specialist training, visit [www.nationalfloodschool.co.uk](http://www.nationalfloodschool.co.uk) or call 01252 821185.

The Clean Trust is the new name for the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (IRCRC) and it certifies 5,700 firms in 22 countries.

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Press release issued by Jane Shepherd, Shepherd PR. For more information, or to arrange an interview with Chris Netherton, please call 01335 368020.

## **Notes To Editors**

Recognised across the UK and Europe as a leader in the research, development, testing and education of a wide-range of techniques and systems to enhance the restoration of property damaged by flood and fire, the National Flood School was founded in 1988.

Based in Farnham, Surrey, The National Flood School shares its expertise to support and train restoration professionals and provides information and professional guidance for many other associated industries, including insurers and loss adjusters.

The organisation has three specific divisions: training, consultancy and research and development.

The National Flood School has been accredited by the British Damage Management Association (BDMA as a Licensed Training Centre.

This accreditation sees the National Flood School now offer regular courses under the BDMA Licensed Damage Management Training programme, alongside its own comprehensive training events.

It also writes and maintains the BSI Code of Practice for Professional Water Damage Mitigation (PAS 64).