

# LIFT ACADEMY UPDATE

To: CIBSE Lifts Group Executive

From: Dave Cooper

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Dear All

A quick update on where I am at with organising the Lift Academy for 2014.

Reports back from industry in the main suggests that the idea of the Academy is a good one but the practicalities of allowing trainees time off to attend an event is difficult especially when most trainees are working with a qualified person and they are very often the second set of hands on a site.

I have offered to run seminars at a weekend but my contacts in the industry tell me that I am unlikely to get a response from the trainees. I find this strange as I would have jumped at the chance and indeed did so even when I was working as a qualified engineer.

To that end we should not be discouraged and I think with the help of CIBSE, LEIA, UoN and other learned organisations we should be able to achieve something. My involvement with the annual lift symposium reminds me that we need people coming through to be able to prepare presentations and indeed give them. I personally would like to see an annual competition along the lines of one we did before where trainees are encouraged to submit a paper into a competition with the possibility of presenting it at a CIBSE event.

I am sure that appropriate prizes such as elevator world book tokens or tools could be purchased at a reasonably modest price.

I would therefore submit to the CIBSE Lifts Group Executive this idea as a motion and would ask for support in doing so.

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