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## NEWS

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A Plant continues to strengthen its specialist product offering with the acquisition of the Temporary Roadway and Access Company Limited (TRAC Ltd). The TRAC business will be merged into Eve Trakway, a specialist division of A-Plant.

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The team behind the publication of the Purple Guide, the Events Industry Forum (EIF), has awarded two grants of £2,500 from its surplus funds.

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With an impressive number of stands already confirmed for 2015, the 30th outing of the

Showman's Show is promising to deliver for both visitors and exhibitors alike.

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Work to create a new industry apprenticeship scheme has been given the green light by the Minister of Skills, Nick Boles. More than 20 of the industry's top 30 event agencies and the six principle professional associations have committed to work together to create the content of the new apprenticeship standard through the Trailblazers programme.

## **OPINION**

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Authority see festival organisers as cash cows, says Steve Heap, General Secretary of the Association of Festival Organisers. All through the deep recession, period grants and sponsors disappeared like melting snow. Now there is a chance that the festival scene has turned round and new festivals are popping up each year.

## **TESA NEWS**

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Preparations are well underway for the 2015 British Firework Championships, in Plymouth, on 18th & 19th August. The six firework companies taking part are: 1st Galaxy Fireworks from Nottingham, Fantastic Fireworks from Luton, Essex Pyrotechnics from Saffron Walden, Spyrotechnics from Chesterfield, Phoenix Fireworks from Sevenoaks and Gala Fireworks from Northampton.

## **EVENTS INDUSTRY**

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The Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) has proposed forming a Business Visits & Events board, comprising industry representation with government departments and agencies. The board is part of a cross-governmental strategy for the UK events industry, following widespread engagement with the industry over the last few months. It will be tasked with identifying business opportunities and winning more events for Britain.

**New Event Organiser Magazine** is the official journal of TESA (The Event Services Association), the UK body representing event organisers and suppliers to the industry. The magazine is published six times a year and distributed to key names in the trade.