

Karl Metcalfe joins AEMT as technical support

New recruit Mr. Karl Metcalfe joins the Association of Electrical and Mechanical Trades (AEMT) to offer technical support to its members and help develop the quality of AEMT service centres around the world.

Coming from IECEx Certified Service Centre, Kirkby Lindsey in Hull, UK, Karl has worked within the rewind industry since 1987 developing a broad and deep knowledge of the sector. He joins the team full-time and has been tasked with finding the answers to members questions, whether they be standard engineering practise, or explosion proof (Ex). He will also be supporting the Ex repair courses and helping develop awareness and integration of the new repair standards BS EN & IEC 60034-23 for the repair, overhaul and reclamation of rotating electrical machines.

Starting his apprenticeship at York based service centre Eclipse Engineering, Karl trained as a time served electrical rewinder and fitter, where he worked extensively with low voltage machines, pumps and gearboxes. In 2011, he left Eclipse to move into sales at Featherston, where he gained experience in handling medium to high voltage equipment. He later became works manager of Kirkby Lindsey in 2015 where he was also the responsible person for signing off all Ex equipment.

Karl reflects, "I spent 32 valuable years gaining vital experience and knowledge by rewinding and fitting electric motors and ancillary equipment. Throughout my entire working life my aim has been to improve, learn, and understand the customer's needs."

"In my time as an engineer, the AEMT has always been a huge support. The meetings and training courses have enabled me to meet fellow engineers and fill the gaps in my knowledge. The technical publications and enduring yellow yearbook living on the shelves of the workshop have been a go to reference. To join the AEMT as technical support is a natural progression in my career. I am at my happiest when solving a problem for someone. All the experience and knowledge I have built up, can now be expanded upon limitlessly as I delve into the queries sent to me by fellow engineers. I very much look forward to meeting members and associates over time and helping to promote and support the excellent engineering work they carry out."

Thomas Marks, secretary to the association adds, "Karl has already made it his business to help out our members from day one. Flying through his Ex refresher course in Loughborough means he is fully up to date with Ex best practise. Our focus is to ensure that AEMT service centres can be looked upon to maintain and improve rotating electrical machinery efficiencies and to help ensure industries have a trusted choice when it comes to managing their plant's assets."

Karl is working from the office full-time, to contact him for a technical problem, or to say hello and introduce yourself he can be contacted by emailing technical@aemt.co.uk or by calling +44(0)1904 674 897.

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About the AEMT

The Association of Electrical and Mechanical Trades (AEMT) was founded in 1945. It is an International Association representing leading companies in the electrical and mechanical service and repair industry. Members manufacture, distribute, install, service, maintain, and repair, electric motors, drives, pumps, fans, gearboxes, generators, transformers, switchgear, and ancillary equipment. In addition to motor and pump service facilities, most members operate mechanical engineering workshops for metal fabrication and the repair and refurbishment of worn components. Others include panel building facilities and some carry out repairs to industrial electronic equipment. Associate Members are companies that supply products and services to Members.

Proceeding the publication of AEMT's and BEAMA's jointly produced first code of practice for The Repair and Overhaul of Electrical Equipment for use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres, which was adopted as the initial IEC 60079-19 international standard. The association has put together a selection of Training modules covering the Theory and Practical nature to ATEX and IECEx equipment repair. The modules are delivered as accredited training courses by expert teams across the globe.

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