



FINISHES & INTERIORS SECTOR

7 REASONS TO JOIN FIS!

Our mission is to set members up for success by bringing people together through shared activities, knowledge, events, awards, specialist working groups and products and services. We create conditions for all our members to improve performance and win work.

FIS has a growing network and community of contractors, manufacturers and distributors of ceilings, steel framing systems, partitions, operable walls, plastering, drylining and specialist interior fit-out and refurbishment businesses operating in every type of building.

1 MARK OF QUALITY

FIS allows you to demonstrate your quality credentials to your clients. FIS members are:

- Regularly audited and compliant with the FIS Code of Conduct.
- Up-to-speed on key issues affecting them and are focused on quality.
- Supported through the PQQ pre-qualification tender process.



2 WINNING WORK

FIS promotes its members through an extensive outreach programme:

- Members are promoted to the construction sector via our online Member Directory Search (over 14,000 searches in 2018).
- SpecFinish magazine reaches an audience of 30,000 specifiers, installers and suppliers.
- Gain recognition as a top fit-out company in the UK through FIS Awards.



3 FIGHTING YOUR CORNER

FIS is the voice of the finishes and interiors sector representing you:

Through our expertise, industry networks and influence we ensure our members' interests are reflected in policy development, technical standards and building regulations.

- **Fair payment in construction** - we are working to help end cash retentions, unreasonable contractual clauses and unfair payment practices.
- **Driving quality and standards** - we help our members to improve safety, quality and embrace innovation in their businesses.
- **Unravelling red tape** - we help members to futureproof their businesses, and prepare for industry and regulatory changes and uncertainty.



"For any company that actively works within the fit-out sector, I strongly recommend membership of FIS. We have gained from participating in FIS groups and became nationally recognised as a Gold Winner in the annual Contractors Awards competition."
Julian Sargent, Style Partitions

"Being part of FIS gives us the back-up we need and gives our clients confidence in the products we offer. Some contractors are keen to have their supply chain fully accredited to the FIS. This can only be a benefit to all."
Tony Regan, Building Additions



SKILLS PROGRAMMES

FIS BuildBack - meet your social value obligations with this programme to train and bring unemployed individuals into the drylining trade.

CourseSight - all the short courses you need and how to fund them.

FIS BuildME - open your sites and offices to college learners for work experience.

FIS #iBuiltThis - schools and colleges engagement programme.

FIS Apprenticeships - modern apprentices without the pain.

FIS CSCS card upgrade offers - to Blue Skilled Worker CSCS card for drylining.



4 MANAGING YOUR RISKS

FIS will help you to identify your risks and how to overcome them:

FIS unites manufacturers, distributors and contractors to develop industry led guidance and drive the market forward.

- Evidence compliance and competence by using our simple Product, Process, People (PPP) model.
- Access our Health and Safety Toolkit.
- Access our Contractual Toolkit (including a no win, no fee retention claims service).

**PRODUCT
PROCESS
PEOPLE**



5 EXPERT ADVICE

FIS offers you access to independent and expert advice and knowledge:

- FIS can help you overcome obstacles, managing difficult clients and plan change.
- We publish expert client guides in office fit-out and refurbishment and acoustics, best practice guides in drylining, partitions, suspended ceilings, technical notes and a BIM toolbox for contractors.
- We have an extensive online knowledge hub, supported by a dedicated advisory service and helpline, including a technical team to answer your queries.



6 CHAMPIONING FIT-OUT

FIS brings the finishes and interiors community together through:

- FIS members events, regional meetings, webinars, and SpecFinish magazine.
- Regular specialist working groups in drylining, heritage plastering, operable walls, ceilings, partitions, digital construction, health and safety, steel framing systems and women in fit-out.
- We pursue constructive dialogue with clients, specifiers, main contractors and other key stakeholders.



7 DELIVERING SKILLS

FIS is providing the training and skills the sector needs:

- Our dedicated skills team works with a network of Approved Training Providers and FE colleges to attract new people to the sector and deliver a qualified and competent workforce.
- On average FIS members claiming grants, with the support of FIS, recoup 25% more return on their levy than non-members.
- We don't just develop and help source training, we also help find a way to fund it.



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