



## Latest news – July 2017

### **Fire Safety Conference 2017: Fire Minister's speech**

Fire Service Minister Nick Hurd gave a [speech](#) at the annual fire safety conference, reflecting on the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

### **AFSA Executive Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

The AFSA Executive discussed the recent AGM & Development Day, planning for the forthcoming national conference & awards and future status visit the [AFSA website](#)

### **AFSA National Diversity & Inclusion Conference 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017 & Awards 2017**

Bookings are now open for the annual conference [Book your place now](#). Applications for the 2017 Awards are also now open to find out more go to the 2017 [awards page](#).

### **Making a Difference - Women in Communities Conference 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 Hosts Staffordshire FRS [Book your place](#)**

AFSA corporate member picks up LGBT employer gong at [South Yorkshire awards](#)

### **Gender Pay Gap Reporting**

[Gender Pay Gap legislation](#) introduced in April 2017 requires the fire rescue service to publish their gender pay gap for workers in scope as of 31 March 2017.

### **New Action to Promote LGBT Equality**

[New measures](#) to deliver greater equality for the LGBT community have been announced

### **Bright Blue report: Britain Breaking Barriers – Strengthening, Human Rights and Tackling Discrimination**

This [report](#) highlights as a result of discrimination, too many people are held back because of who they are rather than what they do

### **Hate Crime & the UK**

Every year hundreds of thousands of people in the UK are attacked and harassed because they are seen as different, says a June 2017 [Amnesty International briefing](#).

**Employment Tribunal Fees are Unlawful** - The Supreme Court (SC) has [ruled in](#) that the Employment Tribunal fees system is unlawful and will be quashed with immediate effect.

### **Dates for your diary:**

AFSA Executive Meeting & Development Day 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 hosts Hampshire Fire & rescue Service & AFSA National Conference 30<sup>th</sup> Nov and 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017

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