

PORTAKABIN HIRE LAUNCHES NEW CPD PROGRAMME TO GUIDE SPECIFIERS AND FACILITIES MANAGERS THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT OF INTERIM BUILDINGS

Portakabin Hire, the UK's leading interim modular building specialist, has launched a new CPD programme '*Decanting without Compromise*', to help architects, contractors, facilities managers, and other construction professionals procure and specify accommodation for short-term use.

The free, one hour-long interactive seminar can be organised at a time and venue to suit attendees and a certificate of attendance will be provided, helping to maintain professional accreditations.

The RIBA-accredited workshop looks at some of the perceptions of interim modular buildings and how the approach has evolved to compete with site-based construction in the quality of the finished accommodation and the diversity of applications.

Interim modular buildings from *Portakabin* can accommodate up to 1,000 people in schemes up to three storeys high and with no internal columns for maximum flexibility in space planning. And, as the case studies covered in the workshop demonstrate, there is no compromise on appearance or the internal environment. High levels of natural light can be achieved, for example, which is important for the wellbeing of occupiers and employee productivity.

Other topics in the seminar include:

- The advantages of interim accommodation
- The manufacturing process and quality controls that should be in place
- The latest innovations in modular construction
- Health and safety considerations
- How to minimise impact on the environment
- Sector-specific case studies, including decant and surge wards, interim offices and emergency school buildings
- What to look for when sourcing a modular building supplier.

Commenting on the new seminar, Robert Snook, Director and General Manager of *Portakabin Hire*, said, "Interim modular buildings can provide vital accommodation for emergency situations and deliver continuity of services while a new scheme is under construction. However, just because a building is for short-term use, doesn't mean there has to be any compromise whatsoever on the quality of the accommodation."



“Our latest CPD presentation is designed to share the wealth of our hire team’s experience and to illustrate just what is now possible even if a building is for short-term use. No site is too difficult – we can even install buildings on roof tops and interim accommodation can be integrated into existing structures. These are energy-efficient and permanent-standard solutions and with the additional advantages of no capital outlay, flexible hire periods and inclusive of maintenance.”

Portakabin Hire manufactures a wide range of buildings for interim applications and has the widest Hire and Visitor Centre network in the UK. It can deliver both specially-designed projects and standardised accommodation solutions in the most challenging timescales, on difficult sites with no access, with less disruption and less impact on the environment.