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# ALLMI's 40th Anniversary!

1978 saw the launch of the Navstar Global Positioning System (GPS), the first crossing of the Atlantic by a manned, helium filled balloon, the UK's first £500,000 footballer, and the Bee Gees dominating the charts. The very same year saw the formation of the Association of Lorry Loader Manufacturers & Importers (ALLMI). A small yet passionate and dedicated group of manufacturers/importers, allied with the Health & Safety Executive, founded the organisation with the sole aim of raising safety standards throughout the lorry loader industry.

The new association quickly set to work and by 1982 had published its first Code of Practice, providing a benchmark for installation, testing and safe use of the equipment. From there, ALLMI went from strength to strength, making significant progress throughout the 1980s and 1990s, and establishing itself as the leading authority on lorry loader related issues.

Further landmarks were reached in 2001, with the birth of the ALLMI training scheme in its current form, a move which had a far reaching impact on the standard of operating practices, and 2006, which saw the Association open its membership to fleet owners, creating a voice for the entire UK lorry loader industry.

Since then, ALLMI has continued to evolve in line with industry needs, launching a series of new courses to complement its operator programme, thereby providing comprehensive training for all lifting team roles, as well as engineers and managers; and publishing a wide array of guidance documents covering all aspects of lorry loader activity.

Today, the association continues



to focus on setting standards, not only in the core lorry loader industry, but also by working with a host of allied sectors to ensure that working practices are ever improving throughout all areas of application and use.

Atlas Cranes was one of the companies involved in compiling the original ALLMI Code of Practice and is still a member to this day. Managing Director, Jim Smith said: "We are very proud to be a part of ALLMI's history and to have been involved with the association during its many developments over the last 40 years. The lorry loader industry is almost unrecognisable to that which provided the backdrop for the first Code of Practice all those years ago, but one of the keys to ALLMI's success is that it has always kept in tune with changing needs and requirements, and led the way when it comes to best practice and safety."



Cormach importer, Ernest Doe, is another member that was part of the association during its early days. The company's branch & sales manager, John McLoone added: "In what was a relatively young industry at the time, it was so important to have a body like ALLMI in place, bringing experts together to provide impartial advice and representation on many crucial issues. This requirement has not changed and ALLMI's role is more relevant today than it has ever been, which is why our company proudly continues to be a part of it."

ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby said: "We are delighted to have reached

this milestone and would like to thank our members for their support and involvement over the years; ALLMI's longevity, evolution and success is a testament to their attitudes and commitment, and a genuine desire to see standards continually raised. We look forward to holding a special event later in the year to celebrate the 40th anniversary, and to promote our commitment to continued progress for the betterment of all involved in the lorry loader industry."

Look to future editions, highlighting ALLMI milestones from the past 40 years.



## 2018 Course dates

ALLMI has released its new course dates schedule for 2018.

Courses available are as follows:

Booked through an ALLMI Training Provider:

- Lorry Loader Operator
- Slinger / Signaller

Booked with ALLMI directly:

- Crane Supervisor
- Appointed Person
- Thorough Examiner
- Manager - PUWER 9.2
- Instructor



Course information and dates, as well as Training Provider details, can be found by visiting [www.allmi.com](http://www.allmi.com) and clicking on 'Training', or by contacting us.

## Fundraising champions



ALLMI has received the 'Fundraising Champions' award from construction industry charity, the Lighthouse Club.

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "The Lighthouse Club plays a vital role in the construction industry, providing financial assistance to those affected by illness, injury or bereavement. We are very pleased with the amount raised at the event and we look forward to working together in the future."



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