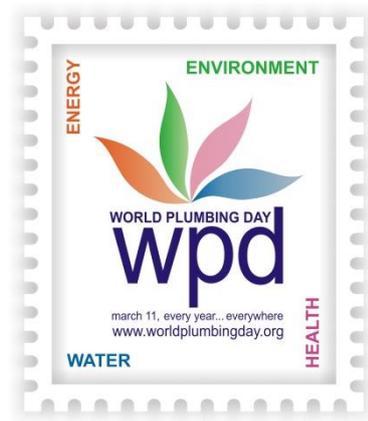




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SCOTTISH AND NORTHERN IRELAND
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WORLD PLUMBING DAY 11 MARCH 2015

Plumbing – vital to global health

SNIPEF is proud to support World Plumbing Day, which will be celebrated on March 11 all over the globe. World Plumbing Day exists to highlight and celebrate the important role played by the plumbing industry in protecting public health and safety.

Established by the World Plumbing Council (WPC) in 2009, the annual event is dedicated to helping the general public better understand the extent to which plumbing helps limit our environmental footprint and to highlight the important work undertaken by contractors, installers, inspectors, engineers and manufacturers.

Robert Burgon, Past Chairman of the WPC and Chief Executive of SNIPEF said:

Our hope is that on World Plumbing Day, the world will come to realize that plumbing is essential in protecting both the health of our people and the health of our planet. In developing countries, many people have yet to discover the real difference that plumbing can make. Where countries have developed plumbing systems, the role of our industry is often taken for granted."

Professor Mala Rao OBE, Senior Clinical Fellow, Department of Primary Care and Public Health, Imperial College, London said:

As the time-bound United Nations' Millennium Development Goals come to an end in 2015, world leaders are working towards an ambitious post-2015 agenda which, as climate change and environmental degradation continue unabated, is likely to give particular importance to the need to improve sustainable living, address climate change and protect the environment. Improving access to safe water and sanitation

will remain crucially important goals in the future, as key determinants of health and wellbeing.

In the UK the event will be marked by a one day conference in London held by the Royal Society for Public Health to be followed by the Annual Lecture of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers.

Notes for Editors

1. SNIPEF is the Scottish & Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation, the principal trade association representing the interests of plumbing and heating businesses based in Scotland and Northern Ireland. SNIPEF operates the Plumbing Industry Licensing Scheme, manages the modern apprenticeship scheme for plumbing in Scotland and delivers training in a range of areas. We aim to ensure the highest standards across the plumbing and heating industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland and to assist our members in employing qualified, professional and highly skilled staff. SNIPEF currently has 750 member firms that employ over 3500 plumbers and in addition SNIPEF facilitates the training of 700 plumbing apprentices. SNIPEF was founded in 1923.
2. The World Plumbing Council (WPC) is an international membership organization which aims to develop and promote the image and standards of the plumbing Industry worldwide.
www.worldplumbing.org
3. For more information on World Plumbing Day visit www.worldplumbingday.org.
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