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From the Belgium/Netherlands Day to Modern Heating Technology

## SHK ESSEN 2018 Offers Excellent Supporting Programme

### FV SHK NRW Welcomes Schoolchildren to the TRAINEES Lounge

With an informative supporting programme, SHK ESSEN is offering the trade visitors a particular value added. In this respect, attention is centring not only on practice-oriented suggestions for the everyday work but also on a special show about modern heating technology and several event days.

SHK ESSEN is located centrally in the largest conurbation in Europe. Therefore, the guests at the fair also include trade visitors from the neighbouring foreign countries. The Belgium/Netherlands Day on Wednesday, March 7 will be geared to them. This event day will invite both exhibitors and visitors to establish contacts across borders. A large number of companies will have information available in the national languages and, on this day, will deploy multilingual personnel on their booths.

### FV SHK NRW Places Its Faith in a Specialist Forum with Lectures on Topical Subjects

The booth of the North Rhine-Westphalia Trade Association for Sanitation, Heating and Air Conditioning (FV SHK NRW) is the meeting place for sanitation, heating and air conditioning (SHK) entrepreneurs, people working in honorary capacities, managers and fitters. Sound information about topical subjects as well as new ranges of digital services offered by the association organisation are awaiting the SHK practitioners in Hall 2. In 2018, the "Specialist Forum for Planning and Execution" is located directly next to the trade association's booth in Hall 2 (Booth 2B08). The platform is well-known for its compact lectures. Every day from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon and from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., renowned speakers are addressing, above all, skilled tradesmen, planners, architects and the housing industry in the open lecture area.

This year, the programme includes, amongst other items, the subject areas called Smart Home, Building Information Modelling (BIM), SHK Expert and Educational Server as well as subjects relating to safety at work in conjunction with digital tools



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for their administration. Questions and discussions are expressly desired. On the trade association's adjacent booth, the experts are available for discussions before and after the short lectures, too.

## **Guided Tours of the Fair "By Professionals for Professionals"**

By professionals for professionals: At SHK ESSEN, two guided tours of the fair are taking place every day from Tuesday to Thursday and one tour on Friday. The organiser is FV SHK NRW. The members of the board and the managing director of the association are slipping into the role of the fair guides and are looking forward to interested skilled tradesmen, planners, architects and representatives of the housing industry. The subjects of the tours are "Smart Home", "New Trends in the Bathroom", "Hygiene Through Installation Technology" and "Efficient Heating Technology". The tours are starting and ending on the trade association's Booth 2B07 in Hall 2.

## **Fitters Days on the Tuesday and the Friday with Product-Neutral Lectures**

At the fair in 2018, there are two Fitters Days for the first time. On the Tuesday and Friday mornings, the trade association is expecting SHK fitters to attend product-neutral lectures. "At the coming SHK ESSEN, we are offering two training days since we want to coordinate the onrush in the past years in a more targeted way and it is important to us to bring as many operatively active employees as possible up to the newest specialist status," explained Guido Bruzek, Technical Officer at FV SHK NRW and Coordinator Responsible for the Fitters Days. The programme is the same on both days and is being imparted by independent specialists: Attention is focusing on safe gas installations in view of the new Technical Rules for Gas Installations (TRGI), new regulations with regard to work on oil installations, fitting techniques for sealing sanitation objects according to the standard and the perennial issue of safety at work in day-to-day operations. Thereafter, every participant will receive a certificate. The afternoon will be freely available for visits to the fair.

## **The TRAINEES Lounge Awaits Schoolchildren and Trainees**

Furthermore, attention is focusing on the up-and-coming generation in the sector: For the third time in succession, the TRAINEES Lounge in Hall 2 next to the FV SHK NRW booth is the meeting place for young people at SHK ESSEN. This time, the lounge is presenting itself in the outfit of the uniform national training initiative called TIME TO START. There, schoolchildren and trainees can establish

contacts and obtain information about the diverse career paths in the skilled SHK trades. The final-year classes at mainstream schools and vocational colleges are being invited. Moreover, the young people have the possibility of taking part in a rally across SHK ESSEN. In 2018, the range on offer in the TRAINEES Lounge is rounded off by advice islands about the training occupation of the installation mechanic for SHK technologies, an internship and training exchange, fitting competitions and a chill-out area.

## **BDH Provides Information about Trends in the Heating Market**

Within the framework of its manufacturer-neutral special show in Hall 2, the Federation of German Heating Industry (BDH) is providing information about the status quo and future of modern heating technology. Apart from technologies which are established, available on the market and based on gas, oil, electricity and renewable energies, the special show is also taking a look into the future. One main subject area relates to digital heating systems which can be controlled using apps on mobile terminals. For the operator, this means a plus in comfort and additional energy-saving possibilities. Another subject is dealing with systems which couple electricity and heat with each other, e.g. consisting of a photovoltaic installation, an electric heat pump and a battery store. Finally, the forum is offering information about the market development as well as about current political framework conditions.

Further information: [www.shkessen.de/branchentreff/programm](http://www.shkessen.de/branchentreff/programm)