

1328-
1976

The Glass and Glazing Industry Pre-GGF



1328

The existence of the Guild of Glaziers is first recorded.



1638

Charles I grants glaziers a Charter of Incorporation from the Privy Council.

1689

James II issues a complete reinstatement of rights.



1884

The Plate Glass Merchants Association is formed.

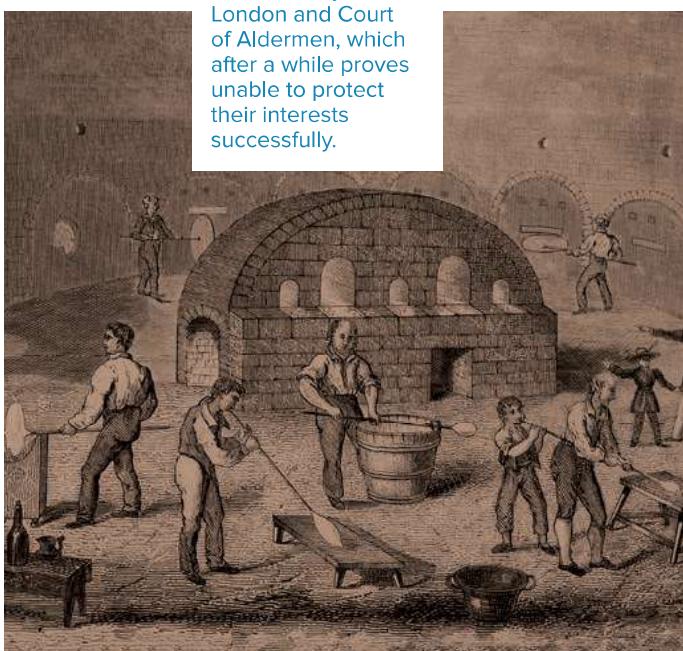


1956

A Royal Charter is granted by HM Queen Elizabeth II in 1956 to the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass.

The Middle Ages

Glaziers come under the jurisdiction of the Lord Mayor of London and Court of Aldermen, which after a while proves unable to protect their interests successfully.



01.03.
1964

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The Flat Glass Association is founded on 1st March.



1780s

The earliest records of glass manufacturers meetings are held in the GGF archived minute books of the Glass Merchants' meetings.

1977-
1978



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1977

1977

The Glass and Glazing Federation is formed on the 13th of January 1977 with the amalgamation of the industry's four main trade bodies; The Flat Glass Association, The Safety Glazing Association, The Glass Benders Association and The Insulating Glass Association.



Glass and Glazing Federation



1978

The GGF's first publication, The Glazing Manual, consisting of over 100 pages of technical data and guidelines is published in January 1978.

xii. Overall, this has been a year of trial. It has gone well. Members appear generally to be content, and several doubters are now more at ease, having seen the high degree of co-operation and vision displayed by all the various constituent parts of the Federation. However, though a good foundation has been laid, there is no occasion for complacency and a great deal remains to be done.

Extract from the
GGF's "Review
of Progress
and Resources"
March 1978.

The Formation of the Federation

1977

Bryan Hern becomes the GGF's first Director; effectively the first Chief Executive.



MOUNT ROW W1

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

1977

The GGF sets up its first offices in Mount Row in Mayfair, London.



1979-
2000



**BOROUGH
HIGH ST SE1**

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

1985

The GGF moves to new offices at 44-48 Borough High Street in London Bridge.



1990

The GGF exhibits at its first overseas exhibition – Glasstec Düsseldorf.

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1994

OCTOBER
David Ballard is appointed Chief Executive.



1995

The GGF sets up the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) Region and recruits six companies into membership.



2000

AUGUST
GGF becomes a company limited by guarantee with a formal board of directors.

21
YEARS



1998

JANUARY
The GGF celebrates its 21st anniversary with Members at Glaziers Hall, London.

Expansion in the 21st Century

GGF SUBSIDIARIES



2001

GLASS Charter Health and Safety initiative is set up in conjunction with British Glass to improve Health and Safety in the industry.



Nigel Rees is appointed Chief Executive of the GGF.

FENSA

2002

The GGF establishes FENSA competent persons scheme following changes in Building Regulations in relation to the registration of replacement window and door installations in England and Wales.

ELECSA

2004

The GGF forms ELECSA – a competent person scheme for the electrical industry.

Borough IT

2005

The GGF sets up Borough IT, initially to serve ELECSA and manage installation certification in the electrical industry.

GGFi

GGFi is established by the GGF in response to a need within the fenestration industry for an insurance broker that can provide high quality warranty insurance products at competitive prices.

2008

Electrical Contractors' Association acquires ELECSA from the GGF.

BFRC

2006

British Fenestration Rating Council (BFRC) is acquired from the British Woodworking Federation. It goes on to become the UK's premier authority for independently verified ratings of energy efficient windows and energy efficient doors.

2009-2016

Chairmen
1981-1993
1994-1995
1996-1997
1998-1999
2000-2001
2002-2003
2004-2005
2006-2007
2008-2009

Roger Castellman
Brain Wymynze Smith
Ron Shakeshaft
Graham Hines
Greg O'Doherty
Trevor Coles
Nigel Richmond
Rick Wilberforce
Robert Atton



2009

DECEMBER

Due to expansion the GGF moves to new offices at 54 Ayres St, Borough, London.

AYRES ST SE1

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

New Offices & New Projects

2011

MARCH

The GGF launches its new website www.ggf.org.uk



SEPTEMBER
GLASSi – the GGF introduces an exclusive digital magazine for Members.

NOVEMBER
GGF Newswire is launched as a weekly digital news service for Members.

2013

JULY

The EU Directive, the Construction Products Regulation, is enacted in British law. All glass and glazing products under a harmonised European standard (or norm) must now be CE marked.

SEPTEMBER

The GGF holds its first Chairmen's Forum at Glaziers Hall, London.



DECEMBER

GGF Training is set up to provide training for GGF Members and to train installers to the compulsory MTC (Minimal Technical Competency) qualification.

2016



JANUARY

RISA (Rushworth Inspection Services and Auditing) is formed to conduct FENSA inspections.



MARCH

The GGF Consumer Code of Practice gains approval from the Chartered Trading Standards Institute Consumer Codes Approval Scheme.



SEPTEMBER

The GGF forms The Helix Group to act as an umbrella company for the Federation's subsidiaries.



RUSHWORTH STREET SE1

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

2015

JUNE

The GGF launches an online bookshop.



2014

JANUARY

Following a suggestion by the London Region, the first President's Reception is held at Ayres St to welcome the 21st President, Brian Baker.

myglazing.com

Consumer advice website MyGlazing.com is launched at Members' Day.



2016

OCTOBER

The GGF moves into 40 Rushworth St, Southwark, with new offices for GGF staff and improved meeting facilities for GGF Members.

NOVEMBER

The GGF wins the G16 Derek Bonnard Award for Unrivalled Excellence.

DECEMBER

MyGlazing.com wins the Construction Marketing Award for best mid-range budget PR Campaign.

After 22 years' service to the Federation, Chief Executive Nigel Rees retires.

Life Begins at 40

In 2017, the GGF celebrated its 40th Anniversary year in style with a range of events, projects and awards.

As well as its anniversary plans the Federation also welcomed John Agnew as the new President and appointed Phil Pluck as the new Group Chief Executive to lead the Federation into the next chapter of its remarkable journey.



Anniversary Party at the FIT Show



Glass and Glazing Federation

Events

Throughout 2017, the GGF integrated the 40th Anniversary theme at many events including:

- The President's Reception at the Building Centre, London
- The FIT Show at Birmingham NEC
- Founders' Day at the new GGF Offices, London
- GGF Members' Day at Glaziers Hall, London Bridge
- G17 Awards in Mayfair, London



Greg O'Donoghue receives the GGF Lifetime Achievement Award

Projects and Awards

To mark its 40th year, the GGF created and developed a unique branding project that included the creation of the GGF 40th Anniversary logo which appeared on souvenirs, awards, graphics and literature.



Brian Baker and Brian Waldron with their GGF Outstanding Service Awards

Throughout 2017 the GGF recognised the contribution of its Members over the past four decades with the following awards:

- A commemorative award for each of the Federation's 37 Founder Members who have remained in membership throughout the past 40 years.
- At GGF Members' Day, Brian Baker and Brian Waldron received special awards for their outstanding services to the GGF.

At the G17 Awards, the GGF Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Greg O'Donoghue for his consistent and influential long term work on many fronts including; legislation, consumer protection, and glazing in the heritage sector – all of which have benefited not only the GGF but the entire industry.

Having celebrated a landmark year and many achievements since 1977, the Federation and its subsidiary companies continue to promote the highest industry standards whilst delivering high quality services and benefits for its Membership and the broader glass and glazing industry.

40
YEARS
1977-2017