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1976

# The Glass and Glazing Industry Pre-GGF

**1328**

The existence of the Guild of Glaziers is first recorded.



**1638**

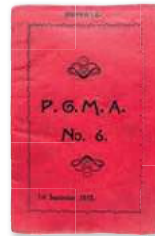
Charles I grants glaziers a Charter of Incorporation from the Privy Council.

**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.

**1683**

Charles II revokes all the powers granted to the Glaziers, along with those of many other City Livery Companies.

## 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.

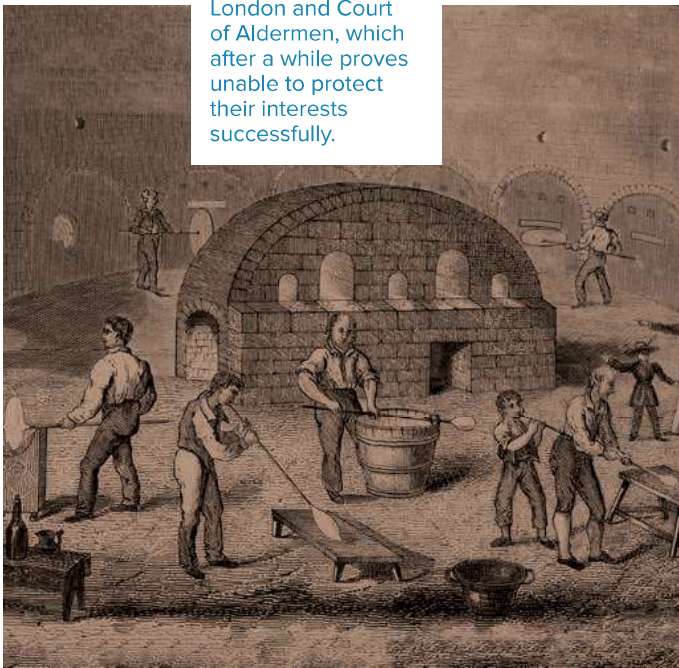


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1964

**1964**

The Flat Glass Association is founded on 1st March.



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**1780s**

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



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1977-  
1978

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## 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.



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## 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.

## 1977

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



# The Formation of the Federation

**MOUNT ROW W1**  
CITY OF WESTMINSTER

## 1977

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





**1979-  
2000**



# The London Bridge Years

**BOROUGH  
HIGH ST SE1**

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

**1985**

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



**2000**

**AUGUST**

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

**1990**

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

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**1995**

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

**1994**

**OCTOBER**

David Ballard is appointed Chief Executive.



**21 YEARS**



**1998**

**JANUARY**

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

2001-  
2008

# Expansion in the 21st Century

GGF SUBSIDIARIES



**2008**

Electrical Contractors' Association acquires ELECSA from the GGF.

**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.

ELECSA

**2004**

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

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.

Borough IT

**2005**

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

Guarantee Protection  
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.

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**

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Chris R. Summerville  
Arnold E. Bird  
Keith Bennett  
Bryan Long  
Keith Bennett  
Roger Castleman  
Brian Wynne Smith  
Ron Shaleshell  
Graham Hines  
Greg O'Donoghue  
Trevor Coles  
Nigel Richmond  
Rick Wilberforce  
Robert Alden



**2009**

**DECEMBER**

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

**AYRES ST SE1**

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

**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.

# New Offices & New Projects

**2011**

**MARCH**

The GGF launches its new website [www.ggf.org.uk](http://www.ggf.org.uk)

**NOVEMBER**

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



**SEPTEMBER**

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

**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.



**2015**

**JUNE**

The GGF launches an online bookshop.

**SEPTEMBER**

GGF Members' Day in Glaziers Hall attracts more than 100 companies.



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.

2017

# 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.



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## 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



Anniversary Party at the FIT Show

## 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