

Safety Groups UK

Mission, vision and forward plan

Mission

The mission of Safety Groups UK is to ensure that health and safety groups are key players in the UK health and safety system and in the delivery of UK health and safety strategy.

Slogan

The slogan of Safety Groups UK is '*Promoting safety and health nationwide*'.

Vision

1. A powerful and thriving network of health and safety groups in every part of the UK, working to disseminate vital information to the grass roots.
2. Groups reaching out to and working in partnership with all those in their local communities who have a role to play in ensuring that workplaces are healthy and safe.
3. An effective channel for feeding back views and experiences to health and safety authorities and other key national stakeholders.
4. A positive partnership between the groups movement, and all other key players in occupational health and safety including the HSE, RoSPA, IOSH, IIRSM, the BSC, BOHS and NEBOSH.
5. New path-finding projects undertaken by Groups to raise awareness of problems and demonstrate solutions and to establish good practice .
6. Recognition of and support for the key role which groups play by key intermediaries such as employers associations, trades unions, training bodies and all other organisations which can help to promote and advance their work.

Structure

Membership of Safety Groups UK is open to all health and safety groups irrespective of their title. (Groups reserve their rights as depicted within their own terms of reference or constitution)

The organisation will be structured and organised on a regional basis.

Objectives

The objectives of Safety Groups UK are:

1. To provide a forum and a platform for Groups to debate key issues and to influence key stakeholders in the formulation of health and safety strategy and policy;
2. To advance and promote education in all aspects of health and safety;

3. To disseminate information to member health and safety groups on all health and safety matters of potential interest and best practice;
4. To enter into partnerships with other health and safety agencies and organisations having similar objectives, including their role in outreach and raising awareness;
5. To promote the membership and work of UK Health and Safety Groups, especially among small and medium enterprises.

Funding

Safety Groups UK will be funded by agreed contributions by groups and by sponsorship.

Meetings

Three regular meetings of the organisation will be held annually one of which will include the AGM and will consist of activity reports; audited financial reports; elections to office; and any other competent business.

Business plan

Safety Groups UK will agree a three-year business plan, progress with which will be reviewed at each AGM

Management

The work programme and governance of Safety Groups UK will be led by its management committee consisting of a Chairman; Vice Chairman; Treasurer; Secretary, regional representatives and co-opted additional members for special purposes. Representatives of partner organisations will also be invited to attend and to contribute to discussion.

Safety Groups UK will establish such rules and procedures when necessary to ensure the smooth running of the organisation.

Date of effect

This vision statement is effective from (date of the EGM announced as 12th October 2005)

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