



September Newsletter

Chairman's Report

Our AGM was held courtesy of IOSH Yorkshire Branch at the Rogerthorpe Manor Hotel near Pontefract. This was an extremely successful day, the morning presentations covering LOCHER, one of our focuses for the near future, we again demonstrated change in the way we do things by holding an event to allow supporters and sponsors of SGUK a platform to showcase their organisation by holding a mini-conference and mini exhibition. The speakers at the IOSH meeting were Dr Karen McDonnell of RoSPA, SGUK Secretary and Michelle Muxworthy, IOSH Vice President, and IOSH representative on SGUK Management Advisory Committee.

The speakers at the SGUK mini conference were provided by BSIF, NEBOSH, ILEVE, ACT Associates and HSE. All the speakers presented their topics in a way that encouraged engagement with the delegates, with many interesting discussions.

Exhibitors included: ACT; JSP; Posturite; Peritus Health Management; SKC; Key People; MRSL; ILEVE; LOCHER; RoSPA; SGUK; 3B Training; Martor; Code Blue Comms; Arco; IDVERDE; IDEAGEN; E-vac Chair; BSIF; NEBOSH; Seta

Finally, the AGM, I am delighted to report that proposed changes to the Constitution were accepted and ratified, this allowed us to appoint two new Board Members from the network of supporters. Adam Young, Marketing Director for ARCO was elected. Adam brings skills that SGUK have lacked for many years. We also elected Ian Coombes of ACT Associates who has been a co-opted member of the Management Advisory Committee for many years. Similarly, Roger Bibbings, SGUK Secretary for many years has been elected to the Board representing the Herefordshire Group, and we now welcome Ian, Adam and Roger on to the Board. I'm also glad to say that we co-opted Alan Gunn of SGWS on to the Management Advisory Committee to shadow our long serving Treasurer, Mike Nixon who is putting his abacus into storage next year. Alan will be eligible for election on to the Board next year to take over the role of Treasurer. We also invited Jane Murdoch, Chair of Scottish Chamber of Safety on to the Management Advisory Committee to represent the collective Scottish groups.

I would like to remind those local groups that have their own award scheme that their winners' entries can also be entered for the new SGUK Innovation Awards this year and by doing so, may pass straight through to the second stage of judging. The Innovation Awards are now open for entries to be submitted and the **deadline for entries is 9th November**.

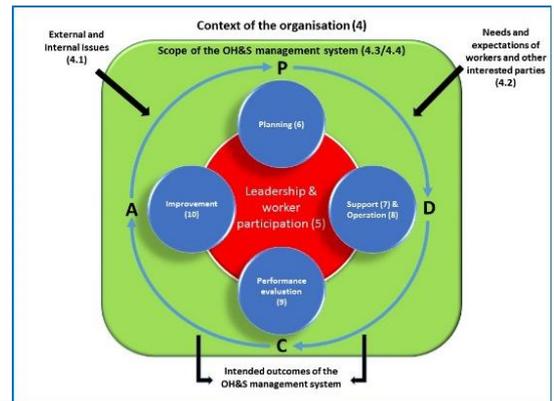
A lot has been happening and improvements have been made to the website, so please visit regularly to keep up to speed with those improvements. www.safetygroupsuk.org.uk

Contributions from Supporters

ISO 45001 is the world's first internationally agreed occupational health and safety (OH&S) standard and is based on the new ISO high level structure (HLS). This establishes a common framework to all management systems including ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015. For those who have implemented these standards ISO 45001 has a familiar structure and terms, which supports consistency and enables better integration, as well as a more efficient and effective approach to managing business risks.

ISO 45001 utilises the Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) cycle and has drawn on experience from BS OHSAS 18001 and other approaches from around the world. This has led to an enhanced and more comprehensive standard that will correspond with the values of some of the more enlightened UK organisations and their strategies for managing health and safety risks.

In line with good practice expectations, top management leadership of health and safety and worker engagement are significant aspects of ISO 45001, bringing health and safety management and continual improvement into the heart of an organisation.



Themes Observations

Leadership	Managers are required to demonstrate leadership and commitment to the occupational health and safety management system. This includes developing and promoting a culture to protect workers. This requires specific top management engagement to demonstrating leadership, commitment and promoting a positive culture that supports the intended outcomes of the OH&S management system.
Worker engagement	There is also a significantly increased focus on worker engagement. Compared with OHSAS 18001, workers' needs, and expectations must be considered in more detail and addressed within the OH&S management system. Organisations are required to establish consultation and participation processes with workers in relation to the establishment and implementation of the OH&S management system, for example, to identify and remove hazards and risks.
Worker	Person performing work or work-related activities under the control of the organisation. This is a very wide term, workers include top management, managerial and non-managerial persons. It would include unpaid volunteers, contractors and temporary staff provide through an agency.

Organisations who conform to ISO 45001 will improve their resilience by ensuring they can anticipate, assess and prepare responses to OH&S risks, allowing them to adapt to changes so they continue to survive and prosper. It will help them to provide a safe and healthy workplace for workers and other people, as well as continually improve their OH&S performance. This new standard is an opportunity for organisations to align their OH&S management system with their strategic direction.

Date for your diary – find out more

[Seminar on the future of ISO 45001](#) – insight, barriers and opportunities - 13th September 2018 at the Park Inn by Radisson in Manchester.

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Brexit the EU Commission and PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425

The Safety and Health Industry took its first steps into 2018 in the knowledge that the new Regulation becomes effective from the 21st of April 2018. For the last 3 years BSIF and our member companies, active in marketing PPE, have been absorbed in all of the preparation.

The transition to the new Regulation, which has little impact on the performance of product, has involved a great deal of background work to provide accurate interpretation covering what was new in the document, changes in product categorisation, the timescales involved, and the expanded obligations on “economic operators”.

Within this body of work there has been a great deal of negotiation on the details to ensure preparatory work, is as far as it could be, has been targeted effectively. One of the final items for which crucial clarity was sought and achieved last November / December was the interpretation of the validity of existing EC Product Type Certificates, where it was confirmed that they would remain valid until 2023 unless they had an earlier expiry date, or the standard had been superseded.

BSIF has been lobbying very hard with Westminster and The Department for Exiting the EU (DexEU) making the case to protect the status of the UK’s Notified Bodies who provide UK product testing and CE certification. Notified Body status within the EU depends on being part of an EU Member State and of course with Brexit that would not be the case, post the UK withdrawal on the 30th of March 2019. BSIF has always promoted the benefits of achieving a mutual recognition agreement to support both the Notified Bodies and the UK Safety and Health Industry

While always a key focus for the Federation this work has been driven front and centre in January 2018 with the EU Commission issuing a notice concerning the effect of Brexit.

The European Commission detailed the effect of the UK leaving the European Union on all economic operators within the remaining 27 members, and the implications for UK Notified Bodies and future product certification. Please be clear that this notice does not take account of any transitional or ongoing Mutual Recognition Agreement that may yet be arrived at.

As of the date of withdrawal (00.00h 30th March 2019) distributors based in the remaining 27 EU countries that wish to place on the market PPE products sourced from the **UK** will become “Importers” into the EU and will then take on the additional obligations of an importer. For products supplied into the UK it should be remembered that in the event that we do not reach any separate agreement, then the reality is that they (the EU) will not determine the conditions under which PPE is placed on the UK market. This would of course be the responsibility of **UK authorities alone**.

BSIF are in communication with The Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for their official interpretation of this notice as it also states that products placed on the EU market will require certification issued by a Notified Body from within the EU. It states that for products currently certified by a UK Notified Body this can be done by applying for a new certificate (from an EU NB), or by an arrangement to transfer the current certificate to an EU NB, which will then take on future responsibility for it. The impact of this would be that product which has been certified under the PPE Directive 89/686 or after April 2018 under Regulation (EU) 2016 / 425 by a UK based Notified Body would require to be re-certified by a non- UK Notified Body where previously this was not articulated, and the interpretation was that these certificates would unless otherwise detailed be valid until 2023. We believe that this will cause major disruption for members who hold certificates for product that they currently sell into the EU market. It will also cause unnecessary

disruption for commercial operators, manufacturers and brand owners based outside of the UK who have chosen to use UK Notified Bodies for their product certification.

We are through the European Safety Federation in touch with the EU Commission to seek immediate clarification of this interpretation.

We will continue with increased urgency to lobby the UK Government and the Department for Exiting the EU for a Mutual Recognition Agreement to be in place in time for our withdrawal from the EU to address these points, during the time remaining. We will keep you informed as the situation develops.

The Commission document which we recommend you read can be downloaded from the BSIF website through this link <http://www.bsif.co.uk/economic-operators-and-ppe-certification-after-brexit/>

[Awards Information](#)

The Innovation Awards date for entries opened on **7 June** and final date for submissions is **9 November**. The Excellence Awards and Outstanding Service Award entries open on **3 September** and final date for submissions is **23 November**. It is hoped that as many Groups as possible will enter these various categories. To find the relevant entry forms please visit <http://safetygroupsuk.org.uk/awards/how-to-enter/>

[Group Information](#)

Below are links or information for those group programmes that have been received. Please keep checking our website diary page for newer information <http://www.safetygroupsuk.org.uk/diary/> :

North Staffs visit www.nshsg.org.uk

South and West Wales Safety Group

Our “summer break” began on the 27th June at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea with our annual Alec Blackburn Seminar/Conference. This year it was a RoSPA event and was a Driver Theory Workshop - Safer Driving. The Lord Mayor of Swansea Councillor David Phillips also our current president welcomed the delegates. Over 80 attended and whilst this was lower than previous events nevertheless the feedback was excellent, and attendees received a certificate. A prize draw was held at the close of the seminar. We were grateful to the presenter John Greenhough who expertly engaged the delegates throughout the day despite having difficulties the previous weekend. The event was chaired by a specialist officer from Dyfed-Powys Police.

Our summer “holiday” continued on Monday 16th July with another event courtesy of the HSE who as part of our 75-year celebration presented an overview of Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome Awareness to a group of Community Councils at a hall/meeting room at Coedffranc, Skewen, Neath Port Talbot. It covered health, vibration and noise with advice and information available from the HSE. Presented by Janet Hensey, Paul Delderfield and Lee Jones from the HSE. Coedffranc Welsh Community Council provided the venue and refreshments. This was supported by our group and Environmental Health, Swansea Council. We took the opportunity to give an overview of our groups activities and too date have recruited one member and are in the process of following up other contacts. The event was certificated.

Not satisfied with the “breaks” we already had, we had a further planning meeting to finalise the arrangements for an Estate Engagement and a certificated event was held the new bay campus site at Swansea University.

This was to support the SME's who manage care settings. The event was chaired by Phill Jones chair of the South and West Wales Safety Group in partnership with Swansea Council, Mid and West Fire Service, HSE, Neath Port Talbot Council, Swansea University and Healthy Working Wales.

Some 92 attended and the event was opened by the Mayor of Neath Port Talbot. Topics covered were Risk Management in Care Settings, Legionella and Fire Safety. We along with others had an exhibition stand and no surprise we were actively recruiting members again!

PS we also had a planning meeting on August 13th with our partner safety groups in South Wales to arrange for our next joint conference in Swansea on 3rd April 2019.

2018		
Date + time	Topic	Venue
11 September - 4pm	Site security under the CDM Regulations A talk outlining the CDM Regulations requirements for site security and a visit to a live CCTV control room.	JPR Phoenix 2 North Road Penallta Industrial Estate Ystrad Mynach CF82 7SS
16 October – 4pm	Insulation and Cladding on Buildings A talk will be given by Richard Giddings, Technical Manager from The Electrical Contractors Association (ECA), regarding insulation and cladding provided for buildings and the ECA's involvement following the Grenfell Tower review.	Taff's Well RFC Maes Gwyn Taff's Well CF15 7JD
13 November – 4pm	Safe Isolation of Services/Permits to Work. Richard Giddings, ECA will outline the requirements for the safe isolation of services and the use of permits to work.	Taff's Well RFC Maes Gwyn Taff's Well CF15 7JD

2019		
15 January	The hazards associated with Underground /Overhead Services Paul Williams, Oakdale Training Academy will provide a talk and will demonstrate some practical control measures at a purpose-built training centre.	Oakdale Training Academy 14 Oakdale Court, Oakdale Business Park, Blackwood, Gwent NP12 4AD
12 February	Work with Asbestos speak to be confirmed.	Taff's Well RFC Maes Gwyn Taff's Well CF15 7JD
12 March	Group AGM and HSE Annual Presentation Speaker: Paul Harvey, HSE	Taff's Well RFC Maes Gwyn Taff's Well CF15 7JD
April	Joint meeting with IOSH + South Wales Groups	tbc
14 May	Highways Agency – a talk on current topics	Taff's Well RFC Maes Gwyn Taff's Well CF15 7JD
11 June	Highways Agency – topics tbc.	Taff's Well RFC Maes Gwyn Taff's Well CF15 7JD
July	Outside visit - tbc	
10 September	Timber Frame Buildings – hazards with older buildings speaker tbc.	Taff's Well RFC Maes Gwyn Taff's Well CF15 7JD
15 October	Fire Risk Assessments Speaker: Gareth Pezzack, Falcon Fire Prevention Limited	Taff's Well RFC Maes Gwyn Taff's Well CF15 7JD
12 November	The latest access equipment on the market – speaker tbc	Taff's Well RFC Maes Gwyn Taff's Well CF15 7JD

Marches Health and Safety Group

DATE: 12th September

TIME: 1.30pm [1330 HRS]

LOCATION: Wenlock Room Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND [Please check the noticeboard to confirm our assigned room]

TOPIC: Severn Valley Railway - Safety on the railways

SPEAKER: Mel Cooke

Mel will be explaining how SVR manage safety on a Heritage Railway. After 25 years on LUL I appreciate that a steam railway in rolling countryside, run by volunteers with the public both on board but also hanging off fences is a bit different from the hazards we faced. This should be either an eyeopener for those unfamiliar with railway operations and an update for those who know how challenging railways in any environment can be.

For those who think this is a jolly for anoraks - how would you manage people at an event, what do you have in place for adverse weather both hot and cold. Topical in view of the heat wave and risks to the railway and neighbours from track side fires this is Mel's chance to meet potential visitors as well as extend the education SVR provides. Come along, don't be shy, meet members and ask questions - we never stop learning in life or health & safety. Please let me know if you are going to attend it makes it easier ordering refreshments.

So that's aiming to draw you in to attend - how about future meetings.

Finally, we have two excellent speakers lined up to advise us and for us to raise issues with:

October 10th David Gault will be speaking about environmental health & safety management software.

November 14th Melissa Bramwell will raise the issues of employment law/welfare perspectives.

And in December we have an earlier meeting followed by Christmas Lunch at Shrewsbury College of Arts & Technology. Date and menu to come. Our speaker is Peter Old who works for Serve On, a leading international search and rescue organisation who are also involved in community resilience in this country.