Workplace Health
Leadership Group
Northern Ireland

The Northern Ireland
Occupational Health,
Hygiene and Wellbeing
Conference 2018

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Wednesday 14th March 2018
TITANIC, Belfast
History tells us that health and safety began in the early 19th century when in the wake of the industrial revolution workers’ health became a labour-related issue. 1802 saw the first Factories Act and the 1833 Act established a Factory Inspectorate.

Few of us will have studied health and safety history yet many agree that safety over the last 20 years has taken precedence over health.

However the momentum to ensure both are on an equal footing has been gathering pace over the last number of years.

Employers have begun to recognise the importance of employee health and those at the forefront of this change understand that improvements in employee health are win-win for all.

This conference aims to inform all about workplace health and wellbeing in Northern Ireland.

You’ll hear from experts in workplace health, about the successes local organisations have had with their work forces and how workplace health is an amalgam of occupational health, occupational hygiene and wellbeing.

During the Conference the Workplace Health Leadership Group will launch the NI Workplace Health Strategy 2017 - 2022 and you’ll see how you can buy into this and become part of the success story.

I’d urge you not only to attend the Conference but to bring your colleagues that can assist you in making a success of health in the workplace.

Wilson Lambe
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Chair, Workplace Health Leadership Group NI

Why attend

- Connect with other colleagues/professionals in Workplace Health
- Listen to influential policy makers
- View case studies that have delivered results
- Discover new ideas/initiatives that work
- See the latest trends/best practices
- Earn CPD points
- Demonstrate your organisation’s leadership & commitment to workplace health
- Sign the workplace health pledge

“Most workplace ill-health is preventable and there is clearly a case for tackling this with the same enthusiasm as safety.”

Who should attend

- Managing Directors/Senior Managers
- Health & Safety Practitioners
- Occupational Health Professionals
- Mental Health Practitioners/Doctors
- Occupational Hygiene specialists/providers
- Health champions
- HR Department professionals
- Safety Representatives
- Health & Wellbeing professionals
- Counsellors
7.45  Registration, tea and coffee, networking and exhibition

9.10  Housekeeping and Introduction to Conference
Wilson Lambe, Chair, WHLG(NI)
Overview of running order
Ronan Kelly, Conference Facilitator

Opening address
Dr. Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer, Dept. Of Health

9.35  Ill health in the workplace, preventable not inevitable
Prof. David Fishwick, Consultant Respiratory Physician at the Centre for Workplace Health, Honorary Professor of Respiratory Medicine at University of Sheffield, Chief Medical Adviser to HSE GB and HSENI

10.10 The launch of the Workplace Health Leadership Group (NI)
Richard McIvor, IOSH(NI)

10.30 Tea/coffee break, networking and exhibition

11.00 Occupational Health, Hygiene, Mental Health and Wellbeing – How do they fit together, overlap and interact for the benefit of all
Bev Messinger, CE, IOSH
Karen Bufton, President, British Occupational Hygiene Society
Prof. Peter McBride, Group Chief Executive, Inspire Wellbeing Group

12.15 Panel Q&A
Chair by Ronan Kelly

12.30 Lunch, networking and exhibition

13.30 What success looks like in both large and small organisations
Steve Hails, Director of HSW, Thames Tideway, Aidan Flynn, MD & Declan Kearney, SHEQ Manager, FLYNN

14.30 Claims, costs and cover: Workplace Health and the implications for the insurance industry
David Workman, Broking Director, Willis Towers Watson

14.55 Workplace health and legislation: when work, health and the law collide
Prof. Diana Kloss MBE, Chair, Council for Work and Health

15.20 Panel Q&A
Chair by Ronan Kelly

15.35 Launch of the Workplace Health Leadership Group NI five year Strategy for Workplace Health in Northern Ireland & what’s next
Wilson Lambe, Chair, WHLG(NI)

15.55 Conference summary & Closing Remarks
Keith Morrison, CE, HSE

16.15 Conference closes

“The workplace has a role in promoting good health, preventing the development of disease, and supporting people with long-term conditions.”
The Council for Work & Health Planning the Future report 2016
The Speakers

Michael McBride  
Chief Medical Officer  
Dept. Of Health

David Fishwick  
Chief Medical Adviser  
to HSE GB and HSENI

Richard McIvor  
Chair IOSH Ireland Regional Coordinating Committee

Bev Messinger  
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HSENI

Full speaker bios can be found at https://www.nisg.org.uk/conference
Founded in 2016 the Workplace Health Leadership Group Partners are:-

The Workplace Health Leadership Group NI (WHLGNI) was formed on 10th August 2016 when a group of committed stakeholders from across industry and government came together to ensure that effective workplace health management is given the priority in Northern Ireland workplaces that it warrants.

The Group's vision is to ensure that 'Workplace Health' receives the same recognition in the working environment as 'Occupational Safety' and striving for employers to have a 'healthy' as well as a 'safe' culture.

Taking a partnership approach WHLG (NI) has a mission to raise the profile of occupational health, occupational hygiene, and wellness/health promotion and in doing so focus on the prevention of ill health at work based on an assessment of need.

There is clear evidence that ill health at work burdens all (employers, employees and society in general). However it is now generally recognised that managing health risks can have a positive impact for all parties.

It is critical, therefore, that we all ensure that managing workplace health risks remains high on the agenda of all organisations.
Sponsor thanks

The Workplace Health Leadership Group NI would like to thank the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health for their generosity in providing a major financial contribution towards running this event. We feel that this demonstrates IOSH’s clear commitment to Workplace Health.

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Conference costs and booking

Venue: Titanic Belfast, 1 Olympic Way, Queen’s Road, Titanic Quarter, Belfast, BT3 9EP
(FREE car parking - exchange ticket for pass at registration)

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£125.00 per person

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