

Safety Groups UK AGM 2018 and Supporters Event

It is with great pleasure that I report that our 2018 AGM was extremely successful. We thank IOSH Yorkshire Branch for affording us the opportunity to utilise their venue at the Rogerthorpe Manor Hotel near Pontefract on 19th July.

Following a successful IOSH Branch meeting where the main topic was 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.



Ian Crellin BSIF



Barry Wilkes NEBOSH



Jane Bastow ILEVE



Ian Coombes ACT



Diane Llewellyn HSE

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





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 Hereford 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

Norman Stevenson
Chair
 August 2018