**CSG Fire Conference 2019**

**Conference Chair : Matthew Powell-Howard, Head of Strategy, NEBOSH**

**Conference Context**

The Conference is directed at charity and voluntary organisations and aims to give an introductory insight into the main areas associated with fire safety.

The Key Note Speech will discuss buildings in relation to fire safety – very topical at the moment following several high profile fires, and will lead into the rest of the conference which will be about how we effectively manage fire safety in the buildings we have responsibility for.

The conference programme covers the following topics :

* Enforcement – The Legal Perspective
* Fire Risk Assessment – A Charity’s Perspective
* Business Continuity and Disaster Planning
* The Insurance Perspective.

There will also be a case study presentation by Bob Bantock of the National Trust and their experiences in fire safety management in our historic buildings.

**Brief for Key Note Speech : Do Fire Safe Buildings Exist ?**

***National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)***

With Grenfell just over two years ago, the recent balcony fire in London which spread through neighbouring flats, and the various high profile public building fires such as the Glasgow School of Art Mackintosh building, and Notre Dame cathedral to name a few, building design is particularly topical in regards to fire safety.

The Key Note Speech will concentrate on fire safety in relation to buildings and address the following points :

* What makes a building safe from a fire perspective
  + Why / how do fires start in buildings – are there any common themes
  + Design
    - Internal considerations (containment / escape / sprinklers)
    - External considerations (eg, arson)
  + Materials (testing / standards)
  + Workmanship / contractors
* Who has responsibilities for achieving and maintaining safe buildings
* Lessons learnt when things go wrong

**When the Inspector Calls**

***Dave Rice, Group Commander, Surrey Fire and Rescue***

A simple overview of the legal requirements around fire safety and what to expect from a fire safety inspection. Case study examples would be useful where possible. This session will lead into the following presentation on one charity’s perspective on fire risk assessments.

* A short, simple introduction to the relevant legal requirements, particularly the RR(FS)O, responsible persons and fire risk assessments
* What do fire inspectors expect / look for from us :
  + Key generic points
  + Some specific sector points, eg healthcare, retail shops/warehouses, offices, etc
  + Common failings
* What can we expect from fire inspectors :
  + During an inspection
  + At other times

**Fire Risk Assessments : A Charity’s Perspective**

***Claire Guise, H&S Manager, Marie Curie***

A practical overview of carrying out fire risk assessments in Marie Curie work premises, using case studies to illustrate key points.

* Introduction to Marie Curie and the various work activities and premises
* The ‘fire triangle’ and the relevance to fire risk assessments
  + Fire triangle
  + Warning systems
  + Emergency lighting
  + Evacuations
  + Training – relevance to designated roles and general staff
* How Marie Curie carry out their fire risk assessments in the various premises
* Common issues
  + Landlords – responsibilities
  + Shared premises, ie residential flats above shops
  + Communal areas
  + Vulnerable people

**Protecting Our Heritage**

**Bob Bantock, *Operational Risk Business Partner (Fire Specialist)***

An illustrative journey through the National Trust’s responsibilities and procedures for protecting our national treasures from fire - in pictures and case studies. This session will lead into the following presentation on Business Continuity/Disaster Planning.

* What factors need to be considered
  + Public
  + Premises and items to be protected
  + Other businesses on-site
  + Priorities
* Clandon House Case study
* The roads to recovery and lessons learnt

**Prevention to Recovery : Business Continuity and Disaster Planning**

***Helen Tapley-Taylor, Jelf Insurance***

An overview of what business continuity is in a generic context, what it involves and why it is important. The use of case studies to illustrate key points where possible, would be very useful. This session will link into the final session on the insurance aspects of fire safety.

* What is business continuity, what does it include and why it is important
* How do you plan to avoid disasters and emergencies, primarily regarding fire safety, but also worth mentioning bomb threats as this applies to some charities
* What happens if you don’t ….
* How do you recover after a disaster or emergency

**The Insurance Perspective**

***Jonathan Taylor, Innovation Broking***

An overview of the insurer’s role in fire safety, considering both the carrot and the stick approach. The use of case studies to illustrate key points where possible, would be very useful

* What do insurers want / expect from their customers
  + What are the insurance carrots and sticks
  + What are the limits of liability / insurance cover premiums
* What can we expect from our insurers
* How can they support us
  + Risk management bursaries
  + Cheaper premiums