



Newsletter - August/September 2018

GOSHA news

Our thanks to

Jason Anker for speaking to us about his experience of becoming severely disabled as a result of an avoidable workplace accident at the age of 24.

Jason was generous in his description, in recalling the event and in facing many challenges which resulted from the life-debilitating event.

It is impossible for us to truly imagine Jason's situation but he gave a powerful insight to his circumstances and the effects on his life.

Avoiding accidents and illnesses which result in severe consequences is a key principle promoted by GOSHA. Hearing the effects of such a tragic accident brings home the need to act sensibly, responsibly, proactively and with reasonable caution in the workplace. Rushing to get the job done is acceptable in a number of situations but when it puts the health and livelihood of individuals at risk, with all the likely family, friendship and community consequences, it is unacceptable.

We can all learn from Jason's terrible experience and we are grateful to him for sharing his challenges and providing good warning to others. See more at www.jasonankerlive.com

Forthcoming Events

11 September at CFE - the first of our FREE taster session series kindly made possible by the Aviva Community Fund - The Business Case for Health & Safety - We are grateful to Dr Chris Minta (recently retired University lecturer) for giving his time free of charge to provide the first of our Taster Sessions (the series will be held up to March 2019). This introduction to the benefits of developing and maintaining a health and safety system to improve business performance, enhance skills, retain good staff, increase productivity and reduce accidents has been kindly sponsored by the Aviva Community Fund.

20 September - Mental Health in the Workplace - a talk by Jo Cottle of Guernsey MIND. Mental health is a concern for many employers and Jo is an ideal speaker to cover this sometimes sensitive but important management and supervision topic. And for anyone employed, it would also be helpful to hear the talk by Jo.

Invitations

Invitations will be sent out separately and we will really appreciate your support. These are very good events, great for learning and, if you need CPD, will qualify if relevant to your profession. Please add your name to our mailing list – it's easy, just complete your email details on our website and we'll send future communications including events and newsletters to you.

2018 Health and Safety Awards - the winners

We had a great evening at La Grande Mare in July. Our thanks to Deputy Michelle Le Clerc for presenting the awards and supporting our dinner. It is such an important event to highlight the great work undertaken by a number of individuals and organisations in Guernsey and we are hugely grateful to our sponsors which make the event possible:

Guernsey Water, Guernsey Electricity, Trant and Ronez



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ners Are:

The overall Best of the Best Winners this year were AFM. Their initiative to provide safety training impressed our judges, both recently retired heads of HSE in Guernsey and Jersey respectively, Richard Brown and Colin Myers.

See our website for the full list of winners and photos from the evening:

www.gosha.org.gg/2018-awards-winners/

The judges judged the award winners in each category plus the Best of the Best award and the GOSHA Committee made the other awards and commendations.

And a special mention of the two Lifetime Achievement Award winners: Joey Naidoo and Colin Myers. Two people who have given so much in their careers to the promotion and implementation of first-rate health and safety practices.

Congratulations to everyone who received awards and our sincere thanks to all who took part in or who supported the evening.

Guernsey News

Passport to Safety (GBTEA initiative)

Passport to Safety – this construction industry initiative is worthy your support. You will need the Passport to work on or to visit many Guernsey construction sites in the future – see www.gbtea.gg/downloads/Passport_to_Safety.pdf

New HSE Website

Lots of helpful information and commentary at www.gov.gg/hse

The website includes useful downloads – all free – make use of them:

Downloads include

- Health And Safety In The Workplace - General Guide
- Health And Safety Law Poster - Alderney
- Health And Safety Law Poster - Guernsey
- HSE Guernsey - Enforcement Policy Statement
- Employers Liability Insurance (Guernsey) Guidance
- Accident Statistics 2016

UK HSE News

The UK HSE website contains lots of guidance, it is used as best practice guidance in assessing local companies/ organisations if something goes wrong.

There is lots of helpful information, most of which is free of charge for us to use/refer to.

Here are some examples relevant to the training we are planning:

www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/fatals.htm - some useful information on this site

www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/causdis/asbestos.htm asbestos continues to peak

www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/causdis/stress/index.htm interesting stats connected with our talk in September.

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