

GOSHA Newsletter June/July/August 2019

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Construction Site Safety - Presentation 21 May 2019

We'd like to thank Joey Naidoo, Robin Gonard (HSE), Steve Roussel (President GBTEA) and SSIP from the UK (led by Eleanor Eaton, Chair, and Andrew Cleere, Operations Manager) for delivering a very helpful and thought provoking presentation: **Making Construction Sites Safer/Guernsey Contractor Safety Assessment Scheme**.

The Scheme is very much needed in Guernsey. The construction sector leads the way for the number of individuals seriously injured and ill from working in it. As we stated in our advertisement for the evening:

The purpose of the scheme is to:

- Provide the GCSAS accreditation, which demonstrates to prospective clients that your organisation meets specific standards of health and safety
- streamline health and safety contractor assessment by standardizing requirements
- allow organisations to avoid undergoing health and safety assessments for every job
- show that you take health and safety seriously. It is designed to review and audit health and safety policies, procedures and documentation

As the scheme reviews your health and safety policies, procedures and documentation, it demonstrates that you can meet the required standard, in doing so it reduces the need to complete and submit multiple health and safety questionnaires to clients.

By joining the Guernsey Contractors Safety Assessment Scheme exhibits that you're working to recognized health and safety standards.

GOSHA supports this initiative. If people embrace and follow its provisions and aims, it will prevent injuries, illnesses and worse.

For more information (and to join), see: www.gcsas.co.uk/

Mick Cooper leaves Guernsey

Mick has been a great member of the GOSHA Management Committee and a great supporter of GOSHA and its aims. In his role, leading safety standards in the States of Guernsey's Education Team, he has achieved a number of successes and has been an inspiration to many.

Thank you very much Mick and we all wish you well in your life back in the UK - please visit us from time to time.

Could you be a Committee Member?

Could you replace Mick as a member of the GOSHA Management Committee? It is not too onerous and, if you want to make a difference in our island, it's a good place to be. You'll meet others with a similar interest, share ideas and get to know health and safety professionals (some of us aren't but are keen to see top standards in Guernsey).

Guidance for Guernsey Businesses

We tried to run a series of talks on relevant areas for Guernsey businesses, kindly sponsored by the Aviva Community Fund and presented, without charge, by Chris Minta.

The reply rate was so disappointing, we have had to cancel most sessions so far. The sessions were timed to begin at 6pm. Was the time wrong, do you prefer an early 7 to 7.30am start for one hour?

We want businesses in Guernsey to benefit from these FREE talks, so your feedback on timing, content and venue would be most welcome. We will aim to run them again in the autumn.

Site Visits

We have received several suggestions. They are a great way to learn. Do you have any ideas for visits/can you offer a site visit to members?

Guernsey HSE News

Check out so many good and helpful notes in the Guernsey HSE's area of our Government's website - www.gov.gg/hse.#

Here are some examples of the helpful guidance you will see there:

- HSE's business plan : www.gov.gg/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=112074&p=0
- Do you need a licence or permit ? : www.gov.gg/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=118777&p=0
- Are you displaying the poster as required by law? www.gov.gg/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=104283&p=0
- Health & Safety in the Workplace - General Guide: www.gov.gg/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=106296&p=0
- Guernsey Reported Accidents Statistics: www.gov.gg/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=106453&p=0
- Food Safety (including outdoors): www.gov.gg/foodbusiness
- Unwanted Chemicals and Hazardous Waste: *States Works now collect hazardous unwanted chemicals from householders and businesses. The States of Guernsey later export the waste for recovery or disposal, given the lack of suitable facilities on island. Some of the services are chargeable.*

From the UK HSE - www.hse.gov.uk

- The health and safety toolbox : www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg268.htm
- Risk assessment - A brief guide to controlling risks in the workplace: www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg163.pdf
- Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls: www.hsl.gov.uk/health-and-safety-training-courses/slips-and-trips---falls-prevention
- GRIP is a footwear slip resistance rating scheme developed by HSE to actively reduce slips www.hsl.gov.uk/hsl-shop/grip
- Asbestos, fibres and dusts: www.hsl.gov.uk/online-ordering/analytical-services-and-assays/fibres
- Preventing Work-Related Stress: www.hsl.gov.uk/preventing-work-related-stress
See also Guernsey MIND's website: www.guernseymind.org.gg/mind-guernsey/workplace-wellbeing-guernsey/