



Sergeant Keith White

Commercial Vehicle Unit

Keith White is a Sergeant in the Commercial Vehicle Unit in the Dublin Metropolitan Region Traffic Division. Keith joined An Garda Síochána in 1994. He has served as a Garda and a Sergeant in the Traffic Corps for over 15 years and has previously served as a Community Garda in Dublin City Centre. Keith has a Certificate's in Transport Safety Management (LIT) and Tachograph and Records Analysis (SQA Level 8). In his spare time Keith competes in Triathlons.



Michael McDonagh

Senior Inspector, Health & Safety Authority

Michael Mc Donagh is a Senior Inspector with the Health and Safety Authority (HSA). Michael has been involved in construction inspections and accident investigations with the HSA for 12 years. For the past 6 years Michael has managed the Construction, Fire and Work at Height Policy Unit. The unit is responsible for reviewing and developing legislation, Codes of Practice, guidance and other initiatives to help promote safety in the sector. Michael represents the Authority on various national committees including the Construction Safety Partnership Advisory Committee, the SOLAS Stakeholder Oversight Group and Construction Industry Advisory Group and the HSA/HSE cross border safety committee. Michael is also the nominated DJEI representative on the Construction Industry Register of Ireland Board.



Brían MacCoitir

CMIOSH, MSc Fire & Explosion.

Brian has worked for the ESB in the generation sector for over 35years in construction, maintenance and operational functions. Following an incident in 2003 Brian took up a full time safety role setting the standards, procedures and training for high hazard work in generating stations such as work at height, confined spaces, station rescue, fire safety and emergency management. On completion of 4 years introducing behavioural safety & human factors to groups across ESB, Brían has been appointed as the Fire & Emergency Safety Specialist with the ESB Group Safety Support Team.



Niav O'Higgins

Partner, Arthur Cox

Niav O'Higgins is a partner at Arthur Cox in the Infrastructure, Construction and Utilities Group and leads the Construction & Engineering team. She also leads the interdisciplinary Health & Safety Group, which draws together the expertise of solicitors advising on health and safety in their respective practice areas of employment, litigation, environmental and construction and engineering. Prompted by her growing practice in advising on health and safety issues in construction, Niav completed an MA in Health and Safety and Environmental Law in 2003 and over the last 15 years has developed particular expertise in the area of health and safety regulation. Niav advises employers and employees on compliance with their health and safety duties across a range of commercial, manufacturing and industrial sectors and has acted successfully for clients in defending enforcement action brought by the Health and Safety Authority. She is a founding member and former chair of the Health and Safety Lawyers Association of Ireland.



Pat Guckian

H&S Field Support, Vestas

Pat Guckian has been working with Vestas NEU as a HSE Field Support since 2012, primarily focusing on the construction and service businesses in Ireland and the United Kingdom. Pat has 18 years' experience as a health, safety and environmental professional covering the medical device, pharmaceutical, construction and wind energy sectors.



Tim Cowhig

CEO, Element Power (Ire) Ltd

Element Power Ireland CEO, Tim Cowhig has long been a champion of the Irish renewable energy sector; including as chairman of the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) from 2002 to 2009. Tim is spear-heading Element Power's principal project in Ireland which is called Greenwire, a 3,000 megawatt wind energy export project located in the Irish midlands which will see an investment of €8billion, the establishment of a brand new export industry and the creation of more than 10,000 jobs in the process. It is intended to make an application for planning permission for this innovative project later this year.



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IWEA Annual Golf Event, Fota Island Resort, Cork
IWEA Pre-Conference Dinner, Clayton Hotel,
Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork

Thursday 5th October 2017

IWEA Autumn Conference, Clayon Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork

SPRING CONFERENCE
21st & 22nd March 2018

IWEA Annual Conference,
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IWEA Annual Health & Safety Conference Wednesday 7th June 2017

8:00am	Registration, Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
Session 1 Chair: Peter Harte, Chairman IWEA		"The Conversation Starter"
9:30	Dr. Gary Healy, CEO IWEA	"Welcome Address"
9:40	Philippa Knapp, Safety Awareness Specialist, Vestas	"My Team My Responsibility - Vestas' Safe Behaviour Journey"
10:00	Eddie McCullough, Senior Vice President, Assessment & Solutions	"Creating a Culture of Care"
10:20	Questions & Answers	
10:40	Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing	
Session 2 Paul Whelan Brookfield		"Talking Behaviour"
11:00	Paul Whelan Brookfield	"Introduction"
	Annette Tierney, Theatre at Work	"Fallout"
12:40	Lunch	
Session 3 Chair: Michael O'Grady Health & Safety Manager, Asset Development, ESB Generation & Wholesale Markets		"A Question of Safety"
14.00	Michael O'Grady, Health & Safety Manager, Asset Development, ESB Generation & Wholesale Markets	"Quiz Introduction"
14.10	Transport Nigel Thornton, Compliance Manager, Collett	Questions & Answers 'On-Site Delivery on Problematic Gradients - a Transportation Perspective'
	Sergeant Keith White, Commercial Vehicle Unit	"Convoys and Garda Escorts"
	Michael McDonagh, Senior Inspector, Health & Safety Authority	"Lifting Operation"
14.55	Operations Brían MacCoitir, Fire & Emergency Safety Specialist, ESB Group Safety Support Team	Questions & Answers "Fire Preparedness"
	Michael McDonagh, Senior Inspector, Health & Safety Authority	"Reportable Dangerous Occurrences"
	Michael McDonagh, Senior Inspector, Health & Safety Authority	"PSDP/PSCS during O&M"
15.40	Construction Niav O'Higgins, Partner, Arthur Cox	Questions & Answers "When to appoint PSDP and PSCS Health & Safety Law"
	Michael McDonagh, Senior Inspector, Health & Safety Authority	"Forestry Felling & Construction Regulations"
	Pat Guckian, H&S Field Support, Vestas Project Commissioning	"Electrical Switching during Project Commissioning"
16.20	Tim Cowhig, CEO, Element Power (Ire) Ltd	"Closing Address"
16.30	Conference Close	

Afternoon Refreshments Sponsored by Exhibitors

- The Speakers -



Peter Harte

Chairman IWEA

Peter is currently the Chief Technology Officer and Director at Element Power Ireland, based in Cork. Element Power Ireland has successfully developed a national portfolio of c350MW under Development, c120MW of projects under Construction, and c100MW in Operation. Element Power Ireland is also developing the Greenlink project, which plans to develop a 700MW interconnector between Wales and Great Island. Peter is Chairman of the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) and previously chaired the Grid and Markets Committees. He holds a B.Eng in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Limerick.



Dr. Gary Healy

CEO IWEA

Gary was Head of External Relations and Regulation at Vodafone and has served for five years as a non-executive Director of EirGrid. Previously Gary was head of public policy with Telefonica Ireland and Director of market development with the commission for communications regulation. Gary has a PhD from Dublin City University and an MBA from Dublin City University



Philippa Knapp

Safety Awareness Specialist, Vestas

Philippa Knapp leads the behaviour based safety and safety culture maturity programs for Vestas Wind Systems' manufacturing, service and construction businesses globally. She focuses on behaviour change programmes to eliminate injuries through safe behaviour and safety leadership. Vestas's lost time injury rate has dropped by 92% since 2005 when it's safety culture maturity journey started. The total recordable injury rate continues to fall (currently on target at 6 per million work hours for 2017). Philippa previously developed global safety awareness and behaviour change programs for other companies including Ingersoll Rand. She worked as an HSE consultant with Arthur D. Little running global projects for FMCG, Electronics, Metal, Oil and Gas and other industries for over fifteen years and is a qualified Occupational Hygienist.



Eddie McCullough

Senior Vice President, Assessment & Solutions

Eddie has been with DEKRA Insight since its inception, leading and managing activities in Europe, Australia, South East Asia, Africa, and the Americas. He has worked in some of the most challenging industries in the world, bringing his insight and practical knowledge to improve safety for people and companies. Eddie's work focuses on helping clients implement positive and sustainable improvements through the application of Care. He believes that focussing on Care as an input - through people, processes, and equipment - organisations can deliver safer and more reliable performance across all areas of industry. Prior to joining DEKRA Insight, Eddie started his career in construction in 1979 before moving into the oil and gas industry in 1982. His technical trade background evolved over the course of 24 years as he moved through various supervisory and management roles, both offshore and onshore. His frontline experience in the UK, South East Asia, and Canada defined his views on the difference between leaders and managers and his belief that leaders create and influence safety cultures in high-hazard environments. Eddie left his offshore position to join DEKRA Insight and pursue his passion for making a positive difference for people.



Paul Whelan

HSSE Manager, Brookfield

Paul Whelan is Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) Manager at Brookfield Renewable with responsibility for ensuring health and safety standards across Brookfield's portfolio of wind farms, in operation and under construction. With over 17 years' experience in health and safety Paul has been involved in driving excellence standards in the renewables sector collaborating with industry stakeholders through his roles at Brookfield Renewable, SSE and as former chairman of the IWEA Safety Strategy Group. Prior to joining Brookfield, Paul worked in local government, manufacturing, heavy engineering industries and renewables development. Paul has achieved high standing in the safety community, winning the prestigious award for IOSH Safety Practitioner of the Year. Brookfield Renewable operates one of the world's largest publicly traded, renewable power platforms, operating across Europe, North America and South America, with more than 10,000 MW of installed capacity. Brookfield's Irish portfolio consists of 350 MW of operating wind capacity across 19 wind projects in nine counties.



Annette Tierney

Theatre at Work

Annette Tierney is a specialist in the field of theatre-based learning. Since 2000 she has been using theatre techniques to create transformative learning events for organisations in the corporate, public and voluntary sectors. Based in Ireland, Annette has produced and facilitated learning events in Europe, Asia and the US using theatre and film as tools for learning and communication. Her work spans behavioural safety, leadership, business and commercial skills. She has worked with clients in a range of sectors including health, pharmaceuticals, utilities, construction, transport, manufacturing, distribution, hospitality, financial services and energy.



Michael O'Grady

Health & Safety Manager, Asset Development, ESB Generation & Wholesale Markets

Michael is Chair of the IWEA Health & Safety Strategy Group and Health & Safety Manager in ESB Asset Development working with project teams developing ESB's portfolio of generation assets in Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK. Michael has worked on both sides of the Client / Contractor relationship and sees the safe construction of ESB's generation assets being achieved through a partnership approach by all involved. Michael believes that a constant focus on managing the "Top Risks" to health and safety of workers, the public and others at every stage of the project by Clients, Designers and Contractors will deliver a best practice safety performance by Ireland's wind industry.



Nigel Thornton

Compliance Manager, Collett

Nigel Thornton has worked in the construction / logistics industry all his life, and has over 30 years working experience. He has been involved with the planning and implementation of numerous types of specialist construction / transport issues. Nigel joined Collett & Sons Ltd to help improve safety culture within the organisation, we specialise in the movement of indivisible abnormal loads predominantly in the UK, but throughout Europe and the world as well. Instrumental in assisting with the development of the City & Guilds Certified Escort Drivers Qualification on behalf of the HTA in the UK, along with the centre of excellence for Driver Training at Collett & Sons Ltd.