

NEBOSH CONFERENCE

SEC, GLASGOW

26 NOVEMBER 2026



Timing	Topic
8.30 - 9.30	Arrival. Registration and Coffee
9.30 - 9.45	Conference Welcome - Matt Powell-Howard (Director of Product Development – NEBOSH)
9.45 – 10.15	How to ensure the occupational health support you source is right for your business This session, led by an HSE Inspector, will help you assess whether your occupational health provision is appropriate, effective, and compliant with legal requirements. You'll be guided through key considerations that will help you ensure you identify a service that will match your organisation's needs whilst also standing up to scrutiny. - Susan Donnelly (HM Principal Specialist Inspector (Occupational Health) – Health and Safety Executive)
10.15 – 10.45	The (Mental) Health and Safety at Work Act 1974: it's not new! In this session, Karen will explore the long-standing legal duty under Section 2, examining how it applies to mental health and wellbeing in the workplace. She will also consider the implications of the new British Standard on Suicide in the Workplace and the potential for enforcement action. - Karen Railton (Partner – Head of Regulatory SHE Advisory Scotland - Dac Beachcroft)
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 -11.40	Prioritising Corrective Actions that make a real difference! In this session, Kieran debunks the myths surrounding Bird's Triangle, with an overview of work-related fatal accident statistics. Safe working conditions have improved significantly over the years but attempts to tackle the root causes of serious injuries and fatalities (SIFs) have remained stubbornly challenging. As OSH professionals, the volume and complexity of tasks we need to complete has never been greater. In this session, we explore how we can prioritise our time where it is needed most and focus on corrective actions that have the greatest impact on protecting workers. - Kieran Doona (EHS Manager - Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd)
11.40 - 12.05	Exploring the perceptions and effects of using humour in health and safety communication In this session, Steve will discuss his groundbreaking PhD research at Lancaster University, which examined how humour is perceived and the impact it has on health and safety communication. He will share findings that show how humour can help health and safety professionals build trust, increase engagement, encourage compliance, and improve knowledge retention. Join us to discover why humour can be so much more than a way to make people laugh. - Dr Steve Taylor (Consultant – Protecting People – Health and Safety Training)

12.05 - 12.30	Driving down risk: How ScORSA supports employers to manage occupational road risk Driving for work is one of the most significant risks faced by employees. This session will explore how ScORSA supports organisations in managing driving for work while also supporting Transport Scotlands Road Safety Framework to 2030. ScORSA provides practical tools, guidance and support to help employers assess performance, reduce risk and embed a positive road safety culture. Attendees will gain insight into how ScORSA membership can support continual improvement and safer outcomes for drivers and organisations alike. - Caitlin Taylor (Road Safety Manager - RoSPA)
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.00	Artificial Intelligence in Occupational Safety: From Concept to Practical Application Artificial intelligence is increasingly influencing how organisations identify risk, monitor compliance and improve safety performance - but what does this mean in practice for OSH professionals? This session draws on insights from Phoenix Health & Safety's exclusive NEBOSH Verified Artificial Intelligence – Application in OSH course, to offer attendees a clear, real-world perspective on how AI can be integrated into existing safety strategies to support proactive risk management. It will provide an overview of current AI applications including predictive risk analytics, intelligent safety management systems and emerging technologies such as computer vision and wearables. Key considerations around governance, ethics and responsible implementation will also be considered. - Rob Burgon (Lead Trainer - Phoenix Health & Safety)
14.00 – 14.30	Making the invisible visible: preventing harm across global supply chains Health and safety risks do not stop at the factory gate. Across global supply chains, millions of workers face unsafe conditions, occupational health hazards and forms of exploitation that often remain hidden from view. IOSH's human cost campaign challenges us to look beyond compliance and consider the people behind the products and services we rely on every day. This session explores why visibility is increasingly important for OSH professionals, examining how complex supply chains can conceal worker vulnerability, unsafe work practices and barriers to effective risk management. It will consider the role of occupational safety and health in identifying indicators of harm, strengthening due diligence and ensuring worker wellbeing is embedded throughout supply networks. Hear how OSH professionals can contribute to safer, healthier and more sustainable working environments by bringing hidden risks into view and ensuring that the true human cost of work is recognised and addressed. - Richard Bate (President - IOSH)
14.30 – 15.00	Navigating the enforcement of Environmental Law in Scotland In this session, Charlotte will provide an overview of businesses' liabilities under environmental law in Scotland. Her presentation will explore what happens when an environmental issue arises in Scotland, including when a regulator may become involved following an incident. Charlotte will also highlight steps businesses can take after an incident and provide an update on the types of enforcement action available to Scottish regulators. - Charlotte O'Kane (Senior Associate – Pinsent Masons)