

12th Anniversary of Forum

The Highlands & Islands Construction Safety Forum held its first meeting in Spring 2007, then organised by the CITB with support from the HSE and many construction stakeholders.

Since then, a regular programme of meetings has continually updated a wide range of relevant topics and legislation, by sharing good practice and current industry information.

Forums have proved popular with recent attendances averaging 30-40 people. These meetings are free to attend and open to all without any subscription fee. We are extremely grateful to those organisations who have made this possible by sponsoring meeting venues and to all our speakers and contributors who have taken part.

The next meeting (see below) will be the last of the current series as the existing committee members have decided to step down, after several previous extensions to their term of office.

Fresh volunteers are invited to carry forward the successful activities of the forum into the next session.

Info from November Forum

HSE specialist inspector Graham Martin presented a BIM (Building Information Modelling) awareness briefing, outlining new technologies which assist with risk communication and also risk mitigation – with the aim of improving health and safety outcomes in construction.

HSE locally based inspector Liz Hunter spoke about HSE Construction Division's Health Campaign, illustrated both with national statistics and local examples of concerns which had been encountered.

CITB's Vanessa Gallant highlighted the Flexible Workforce Development Fund, funding products, training models and Approved Training Organisations.

Neil Wallace passed on information from the HSE that industry consultation on the HSE's 3 sets of revised guidance (on Fire Safety, Roof Work and Vehicles) was expected to take place shortly.

For details of the 2 HSE presentations, along with the CITB slides shown at the meeting: and various other resources of reference material, see:

www.hctg.net/highlands-islands-safety-forum/

PLEASE NOTE DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 11th March, 3pm

At Tulloch Caledonian Stadium, Inverness IV1 1FF

**Guest speaker – Paul Davies of Safehands speaking about 'Temporary Works'.
Usual updates from HSE & Site Safe Scotland and Sharing Good Practice items.**

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