

'Breathe Freely'
construction campaign

Graham McPherson CMFOH from Aberdeen spoke on behalf of British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) at November forum meeting.

The initiative seeks to reduce the alarming incidence of lung disease among construction workers, by generating greater awareness of causes, evaluating risks and controlling exposures to respiratory hazards, some unseen to naked eye.

Resources available include case studies, fact sheets, also a toolkit for managers which is coming in Spring. Option to sign up to BOHS Health in Industry (HI) Management Standard.

Join in and be part of the solution on www.breathefreely.org.uk

Sharing Good Practice

See webpage for further details from HICSF meeting on 17th November, also some previous info for reference:

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

HSE Update

Liz Hunter from HSE delivered the November update which contained vital statistics for 2015, including a break down for construction sector and refurbishment campaign results.

The impacts of CDM 2015 included:

- fewer notifications
- issues with domestic jobs
- queries from small designers
- CDM track back

HSE also shared a sample draft letter for scaffolding procurement.

Further details of the HSE presentation available on website page

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Other upcoming events

There is a section on HICSF webpage for highlighting other events of interest: next is a HAVwear personal monitoring system demo from Reactec at Speedy Depot in Inverness on 10th February.

For a wide selection of meetings in the area, see latest CPD in Construction programme: www.cpd-hi.co.uk/cms

PLEASE NOTE DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 7th March, 3pm
At Tulloch Caledonian Stadium, Inverness IV1 1FF
Sponsored by Highland Construction Training Group (HCTG)
Featuring Ross Polworth, Scottish Police on Plant Security - DNA marking kit
also Sharing Good Practice items and latest updates from HSE Inspector

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