

Info share from March Forum

Paul Davies of Safehands gave an informative presentation on 'Temporary Works', which is shared on the forum webpage – see link below.

HSE inspector Liz Hunter highlighted new scientific evidence that exposure to all welding fume, including mild steel welding fume, can cause lung cancer. There is also limited evidence linked to kidney cancer.

HSE's enforcement expectation for all welding fume is now being strengthened to ensure appropriate controls such as LEV (Local Exhaust Ventilation) and use of RPE to protect from residual fumes.

HSE also discussed the causes of a fatal accident on site, which had resulted in the Principal Contractor being fined for breaching regulation 13(1) of CDM 2015 - Construction Design & Management Regulations.

For details of the HSE presentation and supplementary information, along with previous presentations and various other reference resources, see:

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

Future Direction of Forum

The Highlands & Islands Construction Safety Forum has met regularly since Spring 2007. Meetings have been open to all and free to attend without any subscription fee - thanks to sponsorship from organisations and to support from a wide variety of speakers.

Forums have been consistently popular with recent attendances averaging 30-40 people. The discussion at the March meeting confirmed a desire to keep the forum active and run by volunteers. There would be an opportunity to make changes to the style and format as the existing office bearers were ready to hand over.

Fresh volunteers are being invited to carry forward the successful activities of the forum into the next session. To also include those unable to attend the last meeting, a closing date of 31st March has been set for expressions of interest.

If willing to participate in the ad hoc running of one or more future meetings of the forum, please do contact the current Secretary who will co-ordinate a short informal get together over a cup of coffee on an agreed date in April.

NEXT MEETING – provisionally June 2019 – to be arranged by new office bearers

Details will appear on forum webpage www.hctg.net/highlands-islands-safety-forum/

Details will also be circulated to those on the HICSF e-mail circulation list.

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