

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
Occupational Safety
Activity report

This note provides a summary update on some of the main items in RoSPA's current occupational safety work programme.

H&S Journals

RoSPA's three H&S journals, 'OS&H', 'Bulletin' and 'Safety Express' are continuing to be produced to quality and budget. We would welcome feed-back, particularly on SE, and ideas for increasing uptake.

RoSPA Awards, Conferences etc

The 2012 Awards round was a great success with over 2000 awards made. We are committed to drawing lessons from the 2012 review and updating of the awards process. A follow up is in hand with ODA on the special Diamond Jubilee Award to them and with Finning UK, winners of the 2012 Sir George Earle Trophy (see below). The winners of the RoSPA/BHSF SME Assistance Trophy were the Mineral Products Association.

National Occupational Safety and Health Committee

RoSPA's NOSH now includes several new members from key trade associations. We are having another 'corresponding week' to elicit views on a simple question ahead of the main meeting on 21st June. Our key issue project is still following through on team leadership (see below). We will review all initiatives to date and draw them together. There will also be discussion on the next review which Lofstedt has been asked to undertake on progress with his recommendations (see also below).

Managing Occupational Road Risk

This remains a key issue for RoSPA. We are continuing to do presentations, answer queries and I am helping ETSC with European work. RoSPA's BNFL Scholarship Panel (see below) have agreed to fund a review of MORR policy and practice to date. The idea here is to help to re-boot the policy discussion at the end of 2013. I attended the ETSC events in Brussels on 25th April and in Malaga on 7th June. We are still circulating info to ORSA and ScORSA.

Accident investigation

I am exploring ideas with John Kingston on how to apply ECFA to home accidents. The idea here is to feed into the work we are doing to get home safety built into Public Health which is being reorganised via Local Authorities.

Team leadership

This is a key theme being led by NOSH. Teresa Budworth has agreed to take over leadership on NOSH. The draft workbook and guidance for the new RoSPA Leadership and Engagement Academy Programme' (LEAP) is on hold. I am having a discussion with a major player about possible sponsorship. We are also considering the case for a set of core actions and good practices for team leaders and supervisors to sit alongside INDG417.

BNFL RoSPA scholarship

We had 25 entries in the 2012 round. This year we gave a clearer indication of priority areas in which we are seeking bids. Colleagues were asked to review and prioritise their preferred bids and come to the Panel day on 2nd May to make their case. Four bids were successful: effectiveness of fire safety interventions (to be extended); drowning data applications (together with RNLI); and two MORR policy review projects to be merged. We also agreed to stay in touch with Puspah Pant's funded project which has looked at child accident prevention in Nepal.

Safety Groups UK

The SGUK work programme (to which RoSPA provides support) is continuing apace. The AGM is on 14th June at Denby. Fund raising continues. The next SGUK project will be rolling out the '*Health Risks, Do you Know Yours?*' (HR@W) programme developed in Scotland via Groups in England and Wales. This was launched successfully at NEC. A new group in North Oxfordshire has agreed to affiliate. Next two new groups to re-establish will be Devon and Cornwall. SGUK is seeking support

from the USHA and other H&S organisations including CIEH, APIL, SH&SL etc. There will be a champions training day for HR@W at Denby on 15th June.

Policy/consultation

We have been contributing to HSE consultation on revocations and formation of the new HSE 'Challenge Panels. We understand that Minister Grayling at DWP has asked Prof Lofstedt to review progress with his review and progress with H&S reform. We are seeking to make a contribution to Lofstedt project on risk literacy. We are also seeking to raise the case for a new approach to coordinating help to SMEs following up a recent meeting with Lord Young at No 10.

Public speaking/articles/media

We are continuing to deliver here via speaking engagements, including to Groups, and doing regular broadcast interviews on aspects of H&S management and follow up to Lofstedt etc. We are adopting a balanced tone to deal with trivialisation of H&S etc. but questioning the evidence base about the extent of excessive risk aversion alleged by the Government.

Other work

1. We are developing project proposals for an SGET 'Learning Legacy' linked this year to Finning's focus on employee led simplification, team safety dynamics and 24/7 safety.
2. We are continuing to participate in OHSCR and calling for review on impact etc. We support the idea of developing a complaints procedure. The consensus however seems to be that it is too early to review.
3. We have secured Professor Lofstedt to deliver the next Allan St John Holt Memorial lecture on 23rd October at Mount Pleasant in London on the theme of '*Towards a more risk literate society*'.
4. I continue to produce my monthly column '*Parting Shot*'. The next for July will be on the need for an improved approach to coordinating information to SMEs.
5. We are still tracking HSE's project to revise its guidance inventory. The timescale for the review and also for replacement of HSG65 seems to have slipped.
6. We are looking for volunteers/interns to help with aspects of our work.
7. We are facilitating a new network to preserve the history of OS&H. This work is being led by Sheila Pantry OBE. We would like to develop plans to formalise the new group of volunteers which is beginning to map OS&H history and existing resources.

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