Development projects funded archive

Here’s a little about the Development projects we’ve funded over the last few years. Please click on one of the years from the list below.

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Projects funded 2011

Development of a solar radiation training resource for the British construction sector
This project developed a free training resource on ‘Sun safety’ for the construction sector. With the construction sector at greater risk of occupational skin cancers than other sectors this training resource aims to raise awareness of the risk and the sensible control measures that can be applied. The resource consist of a short video and a downloadable ‘toolbox talks aid’.

Young Enterprise Merseyside
This project involved the IOSH Merseyside Branch members supporting the Young Enterprise Company Programme, by providing advice, mentoring and guidance to the youth projects and presenting a regional health and safety awareness award.

Health and Safety National Occupational Standards Development
Funding enabled building on previous work of a pan sector health and safety project, which resulted in a Sector Qualifications Strategy (SQS). This project looked at the gaps identified in the strategy, and in consultation with stakeholders, developed National Occupational Standards (NOS) in these areas.

Centre for Safety and Health Sustainability (CSHS)
Working in partnership with the American Society of Safety Engineers and the American Industrial Hygiene Association, funding helped to co-found the CSHS and provide a global voice for the health and safety community on sustainability reporting, see http://www.centershs.org.

Establish support infrastructure for the Fire Sector Partnership (FSP)
Organised by IOSH Fire Risk Management Group, ‘seed corn’ funding was provided to help establish a supportive infrastructure for the Fire Sector Partnership as a ‘stand alone’ stakeholder organisation.

Sponsorship of Fire Sector Partnership (FSP) “Future of Fire Summit”
Sponsorship funding enabled the IOSH Fire Risk Management Group to support and play an active part at the FSP's 2011 summit conference. This event brought together leading fire professionals and other stakeholders to debate and engage in discussion on sector developments.
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**IOSH10 Bursary for Conference tickets**
In light of the challenging economic climate, funding was used to set up a bursary, which allowed members who may not otherwise be able to, attend IOSH10, our flagship annual conference and exhibition. Through a lottery process, 10 unemployed, student or low income members on concessionary member rates and 10 newly chartered and graduate members accessed free conference passes to the event.

**IOSH Proactive intervention in Occupational Health support course**
In partnership with the Scottish Centre for Healthy Working Lives, this project will extend the existing pilot and evaluation of the IOSH Proactive intervention in Occupational Health support course to include Scottish IOSH members. This short course helps to build on the existing skills of practitioners, so that they can play an active role in the management of health at work and can help

**UK aviation airside health and safety DVD**
Organised by the [IOSH Aviation and Aerospace Group](#), funding will develop an airside safety (hazard spotting) DVD. The DVD will be aimed at UK companies operating airside e.g. runways, taxiways, ramps and tank farms at airports, to help train employees and visitors in airside health and safety requirements and hazard awareness.

**Safe Highlander 2010**
Organised by the [IOSH Inverness District](#), this project aims to give around 1,900 year-7 schoolchildren in the Highlands an appreciation of how health and safety can affect people in their daily lives. Inverness District members will provide safety talks to groups of escorted schoolchildren, over a 10-day event, on a ‘mock-up’ building site.

**Establishment of a Networks & International Committee & Associated panels, stages 1 – 3**
Funding was provided to carry out a feasibility study on setting up a new standing committee and supporting member advisory panels. As part of the recommendations from the Standing Committees Review, this project will explore establishing a structure which will enable IOSH's networks i.e. branches and groups worldwide to engage and make a tangible connection with IOSH and its strategy.

**Policy and Practice in Health and Safety (PPHS) indexing**
This project will help enable the IOSH journal PPHS to be indexed, a process which signposts to the literature of an academic field or discipline. Indexing PPHS forms part of a four-year strategy to develop and raise the profile of our journal and further disseminate information and research findings to relevant areas.

**Scoping study on the usefulness of a resource to help teachers of students with health conditions and disabilities**
This project scopes out the need for a resource which will assist those in the education community working with students that have health, behavioural or emotional needs. A focus group, made up of teachers, will form part of the study to identify the knowledge-gaps and explore the feasibility of a resource to support primary and secondary schools.

**Risk Communications for health and safety-related professionals**
IOSH, the British Occupational Hygiene Society and the Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors, have developed a Risk Communication pilot training course for health and safety-related professionals. If successful, it will be run as a professional development course by each of the three professional bodies.

**UK Nanotechnology Safety Guidance**
This project run by the ‘UK nanotechnology safety forum’ will:
- pilot a questionnaire, aimed at Higher Education institutes, to determine the current status of research and use of nanomaterials
- review risk assessment and control in certain research and commercial establishments
- help produce a draft ‘best practice’ guidance standard on the storage, use, handling and disposal of nanomaterials
- promote good health and safety practice based on professional knowledge.

**Bursary for IOSH11 conference tickets**
Through a lottery process, funding was used to enable up to 10 concessionary members and 10 graduate members, who had not been to the IOSH annual conference, a free conference pass to attend our flagship event.
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Cross-sector Peer Review
Organised by the IOSH Hazardous industries group (HIG), this project responds to the challenge raised at the ‘Leading from the top – avoiding major incidents’ conference in 2008. The group is looking to set up a sustainable, cross-sector, peer review process for a range of activities and safety-critical organisations.

London 2012 Safety Evaluation Workshop
This project brings together leading academics and researchers in construction with an interest in health and safety. The workshop explores whether there’s interest among delegates to carry out evaluations of interventions in Europe’s largest construction project: the Olympic Park.

Following the workshop, research teams will be able to submit funding proposals to carry out the studies.

Presidential visit: 10th Year Anniversary Activities in Hong Kong
Organised by the Hong Kong branch, this project marked their 10th year anniversary. A formal dinner provided a platform for the president to showcase various IOSH activities to members of the branch and invited guests, including government officials and representatives from professional institutions, universities and businesses. The Branch also organised a seminar and technical visit as part of the anniversary celebrations.

Inter-Institutional Group (IIG) on Health and Safety and Undergraduate Engineering Training
Funding will enable the IIG to look at the needs of undergraduate engineers and review the current health and safety training material, assess other material which may be included, and explore how further corporate project sponsorship can be attracted. The project will also consider how other disciplines, both in and outside of the UK can benefit from the training material.
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Technical Safety Training - Developing and New Accession Countries
Funding will help deliver a range of technical safety training courses for health and safety practitioners working in labour inspectorates and employee or employer representative bodies in developing and new accession countries. Current training available in these countries doesn’t cover the technical detail needed to tackle risk reduction in developing industries. Courses will be run first in Turkey and Georgia.

Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV) Training
Funding will help distribute new LEV course material, developed by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)/Health and Safety Laboratory (HSL), for trainers and advisers. Experienced professional development trainers will receive briefing from HSE, customise the training material and deliver it through a series of training sessions to our members, so that they can share key messages in their workplaces.

Recruitment of experts for the International Labour Organization (ILO) Encyclopaedia of Occupational Safety and Health; 5th Edition
Working with the ILO, funding will help recruit experts to write, edit and peer review the 5th Edition of the ILO’s Encyclopaedia of Occupational Safety and Health. This encyclopaedia will, for the first time, give a completely free, electronic, up-to-date, accurate and user-friendly information resource that’s understandable by millions of people and freely available anywhere in the world.

Launch of National Men’s Health Week 2008 – Men and Work
Funding sponsored the Men and Work launch event which features a mock court case where a man is put ‘on trial’ for his poor health. The theme of the 2008 national men’s health week promoted the use of the workplace to deliver positive health messages to men and encourages them to take their health more seriously.

The Role of Safety and Health Practitioners in Supporting Health at Work and Return to Work
This project is supported by the Department of Work and Pensions and looks at the feasibility and impact of enhancing the safety and health practitioner’s role in supporting health at work and return to work. We’re designing a short course to build on the existing skills of practitioners, so that they can play an active role in the management of health at work and can help in the return to work process.

Identifying the Occupational Health and Safety Gaps in the Third Level Education Sector
Together with the Health and Safety Authority in Ireland we’re jointly funding this project to assess how much health and safety is included in vocational education. The project aims to develop a way of integrating health and safety into engineering programmes.
The Risk Factory
Organised by our Edinburgh branch, funding was used to place an advert in The Risk Factory workbook. The Risk Factory, based in the Lothian region, is a centre providing exciting, interactive educational safety training programmes. Every child visiting the centre gets a workbook, enabling the promotion of key safety messages and the branch to a wide public audience (parents, guardians and teachers).

For more information please visit The Risk Factory website.

All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Health and Safety Newsletter
Working with the APPG and the Trade Union Congress (TUC), funding is supporting the development of a twice-yearly bulletin briefing Members of Parliament on key health and safety issues.

All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Health and Safety Conference in Parliament
Working with the APPG and the TUC, funding supported the delivery of a seminar for APPG members and other key Members of Parliament and peers.

Scottish Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Stakeholders Event
Funding supported the launch of our guide for Members of Scottish Parliament (MSPs), Think about health and safety – supporting our MSPs (PDF 254 KB), among key Scottish-based occupational safety and health stakeholders. This reference booklet gives clear guidance for use within MSPs’ constituency offices and surgeries.

Mentoring Training
Organised by our Professional Committee and utilising our branch and groups networks, this funding supports the set-up of a register of mentors. The project involves training a group of our Chartered members in mentoring skills, enabling them to help the professional development of other members. The programme helps:
- Graduate members progressing through the Initial Professional Development (IPD) process
- Chartered members progressing to Chartered Fellowship
- members of all categories undertaking Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Affiliate and student members developing their career.

Mature Entry Study
This study looks at the level of demand for a mature entry route to joining IOSH and considers the acceptability of various entry points, taking account of the mature entry routes used by other Institutions.

Delivering Performance through Culture and Leadership
Funding supported the development of a two-day CPD course, initially targeting practitioners in the major hazards sector. The course aims to:
- show how organisational excellence can be applied to occupational safety and health management,
- incorporate the recommendations of the Buncefield Major Accident Investigation Board and Baker Review reports.

Elected Members Booklet and Training Package
Based on the work of the Public Services Group, funding supported the development of our guide Think about health and safety – What elected members of local authorities need to know (PDF 187 KB) to help health and safety professionals train and get the health and safety message across to Elected Members.
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Workplace Hazard Awareness Course (WHAC)
Together with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) we’ve developed a ‘hazard spotting’ teaching resource for schools, aimed at year 10 and 11 pupils. This course leads to an accredited certificate in basic health and safety hazard awareness at Entry Level Three (below National Vocational Qualification (NVQ)). WHAC meets with the ethical and profile raising goals within our strategic plan and strengthens our campaign to improve the health and safety of young people at work.

Are you a teacher or trainer running free courses for young adults? [Register with WHAC and download free resources.](#)

Occupational Health Toolkit
Working in partnership with members of the Professional Organisations in Occupational Safety and Health (POOSH), we’ve developed a web-based multidisciplinary toolkit to equip safety and health practitioners to better tackle occupational health issues. Equipping them to recognise the early signs of occupational health issues and take appropriate action could potentially make a key contribution to preventing and reducing occupational ill-health.

This microsite offers an occupational health ‘hub’ for practitioners to locate tools for dealing with occupational health issues.

[Visit the Occupational Health Toolkit.](#)

Exploring training needs for health and safety professionals with regard to workplace health issues
Carried out by Nottingham University this project set out to:
- identify occupational health and safety issues that should be targeted through education and training schemes for health and safety professionals
- explore experts’ views on priority issues
- identify views of our members
- identify priorities to be addressed through education and training programmes.

[Visit the MSc in Workplace Health website](#) and download our reports on this project.

The Cardiff Work Environment Research Centre (CWERC)
Building on existing expertise in Cardiff University, this project aims to establish a multidisciplinary centre for research activity in the areas of:
- the work environment
- health and safety
- work and well-being
- rehabilitation and related subjects.

CWERC promotes research locally, nationally and internationally, through seminars, workshops, conferences, working papers and working with a wide range of stakeholders.

[Visit the CWERC website.](#)

Benchmarking exercise of occupational safety and health (OSH) awards in 25 member states
Carried out by the National Agency for the Department for Education and Skills (NARIC), this project benchmarked the relevant qualifications in 25 European countries against the UK framework levels and occupational standards. Information is also provided on the structure of the occupational health and safety profession, useful guidance on different training systems and the core content of the most relevant qualifications in these countries.

International group Web Event: ‘Global Principles – Local Practice’
Funding supported a web-based conference for International Group members on key global topics. This event used modern technology to present key information to a wide audience efficiently, encouraging all members of the group to participate, regardless of their location. Members who couldn’t take part in the live event could watch a recording online.
BSc/MSc Student dissertation competition
Funding enabled students to present their dissertation findings to delegates at IOSH Conference ‘07, using the Spotlight theatre. Organised by the Safety Sciences group, the competition contributes to our ongoing aim of supporting greater involvement of members in research, and encouraging a better understanding of the depth and value of student research work and evidence-based policy and practice in occupational safety and health.

Branch Development Projects:

Middle East branch
Funding was used to develop an electronic contact network for members in the region and, also an electronic database of legislative documentation covering each of the countries in the region.

Caribbean branch
Having around forty members dispersed across several islands of the Caribbean, development funding was used to assist with gaining access to stakeholders, raising our profile, and developing networking opportunities.

Hong Kong branch
Funding was used to support a meeting with State Administration of Work Safety, Ministry of Construction and other occupational safety and health associations in Beijing, China.

Notes on this draft:
1. The existing page ‘Development funded projects’ has been replaced with ‘Development projects funded [this year]’. All previous years will now be listed on this new ‘Development projects funded archive’ page, with jump links at the top of the page.
2. Some of the ‘Occupational Health Toolkit’ copy has been changed – any mention of the OH toolkit ‘website’ has been changed to ‘microsite’.