

**Waste Industry Safety and Health Forum**  
**Northern Ireland**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 2.30pm**  
**(HSENI, 83 Ladas Drive, Belfast, BT6 9FR)**

Item	Topic	Action
1.	<b>Attendance</b>	
1.1	Present: Justine McIntyre, Chris Toal, Martin Rafferty, Colin Bell, David Beard, Michael McLaughlin, Nicola Penman, Jennifer Stephens, Pete Gibson, Graham Coulter, Lauren Critcher, Alma Hanley, Peter Kerr, Nick Willis, Gordon Boyd, Damien Teague, Heather McKinstry, Corin Goodall, Darren Purdy, Sara Martin, Jennifer Lee, Ryan McKay, Alan Haire, Seamus Duffy.	
1.2	<b>Apologies</b> Prof Alan Woodside, Raymond Martin, Rachel Hunter, Paul Kerr, Ryan McKay, Alan Haire, Darren Purdy and David Beard.	
2.	<b><u>Notification of any other business</u></b> None	
3.	<b><u>WISHNI Ambassadors Awards</u></b>	
3.1	<b><u>Ambassador Awards opening date:</u></b> 18 November 2019. Closing date: 31 January 2020. Revised application forms would be available from HSENI.gov.uk/wishni; WISHNI LinkedIn page. Rachel hunter will also circulate the WISHNI mailing list.	R Hunter
3.2	<b><u>Entry conditions:</u></b> it was noted that entry conditions had been revised for 2020. Organisations subject to investigation by an enforcing authority would be asked to defer their application until the investigation is completed.	Noted
3.3	Venue confirmation and publicity: the 2020 Ambassador Awards would be held on 11th March 2020 from 0900 to 1400 Malone House, Belfast, kindly provided by Belfast City Council. Opportunities for publicity to be sought from media and members. Sponsorship of parts of the event would be sought from members as usual: student awards, breakfast, tea/coffee, buffet. Event equipment would also need to be arranged / sponsored. Opportunity to sponsor would be open from Monday 18 November.	J King R Hunter
3.4	Student awards had been communicated to further FE institutions but only UJJ had taken up the offer. WISHNI will consider the top 6 entries of a dissertation of 2000 words on Cause and Effect of Noise in waste industries.  Jennifer Stephens offered a placement contact in QUB. Heather McKinstry would check for a contact on the Diploma in Industrial Studies course. Both to forward contact details to J King.	Noted  J Stephens H McKinstry
	G Boyd advised that QUB had funding at present and the contact was Rory Doherty. G Boyd to liaise.	G Boyd
3.5	Speakers considered for the Awards event were: Tim Walker - definite keynote speaker with Owen Lyttle of Defra also mentioned. Max Carnson and HSENI health team would also be on the programme.	Noted

4.	<b><u>Update from HSENI by Justine McIntyre</u></b>	
4.1	Problems continue with poor welfare facilities, skips without deflector plates and all round visibility from vehicles.	ALL
4.2	Enforcement action had been taken on unsafe vehicles and a telehandler with illegal lifting equipment.	Noted
4.3	Dust exposure monitoring was underway a range of plants following moves by some companies to install dust suppression equipment. companies were urged to use the hierarchy of control. Reports were positive from companies using suppression, not only in terms of dust levels but morale of staff also improved. It was felt that sound research would help bring employers together. The outcome of this research would provide an opportunity for the waste industry to demonstrate to the public at large and other potential investors that there were good practices being developed in the industry	Reports from HSENI to be made available when ready.
5.	<p><b><u>Proposals for a safety and health awareness day (SHAD)</u></b></p> <p>Michael McLaughlin outlined ideas that could be the basis for a safety and health awareness day. JCB Dennison would be willing to provide facilities, equipment and space in their yard at Ballyclare. There was an opportunity to see and learn about good practice on the latest equipment. JCB could be sounded out on their willingness to allow other equipment on site for the day. There could be a lot of opportunity to bring along experinced staff to learn best practice and bring along young people, students and apprentices to start off using good practice.</p> <p>Other partners who may be interested included Grassmen, who have a similar scheme for tractors, Farm Safety Partnership and ICE. Legal input could also be available through Pinsent Masons. It was agreed that this would be a challenge but that we were up for that challenge. WISHNI committee plus Michael and Alan Haire would meet to try to pull this together.</p>	J King R Hunter
6.	<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b></p> <p>Heather McKinstry gave information on NISG and the Workplace Health Liaison Group. Both groups share the practical solution finding ethos of WISHNI. There are a lot of opportunities for information sharing and co working so it was agreed we keep up this link.</p> <p>Jennifer Stephens enquired if there was potential for research around health issues in transitioning to an older workforce. G Boyd highlighted that some work had been done previously by other councils.</p> <p>Gordon Boyd gave information on a CIWM event on Waste Crime. More information to be posted on LinkedIn.</p>	H McKinstry  G Boyd
7.	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> <b><u>End February 2020.</u></b>	
Signed		<i>R Hunter.</i>
Date		04/12/2019