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Welcome



The IOSH Education Group represents and works with members across the whole sector to promote health and safety in education.

We have more than 1,600 members, including education safety officers, teachers, lecturers, consultants and professionals from the HSE and local authorities. We also provide the judging panel for the annual Association of Colleges health and safety awards.

We're always looking to improve our service to members and provide a positive focus for health and safety in education. New members are always welcome and we look forward to working with our colleagues to create a positive health and safety culture in education.

Letter From The Chair

Well what does the future hold?

We have seen a monumental change in the world over the last couple of years and the "spend spend spend" mentality of world economics has come crashing down, the upshot of which is we are now living in uncertain times.

For us in Education the waters are far from clear or calm. We have seen the suspending of the BSF programme and the rolling out of the Academy programme which could potentially see many more schools opting out of Local Authority control.

The financial squeeze is hitting the public sector with many colleagues facing job insecurity and some authorities refusing to allow employees to attend events or act as committee members for organisations during work hours.

The Education Group have not been unaffected but we continue to support the Education Community in so many areas. We are currently involved with IOSH in carrying out research looking at the need for resources for teachers to assist them with their health and safety duties. We are working with the construction group to bring you a joint networking event which is scheduled for October. See [Connect](#) for more details.

I would like to thank all our members who responded to our survey; it has helped us plan future events and has assisted us in developing our strategy for the group.

We are pleased to announce that we have two new committee members: Mark Plant from Interserve and Fiona Riley from Bolton Schools. They both bring a fresh new perspective to the table. However, we are sorry to report that David Farrow and Maggie Atterbury have stepped down from the committee; I am sure you would all agree with

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me that their efforts over the years have been greatly appreciated and they will be missed. I am also delighted to be able to report that Gemma Dowson, our Vice Chair, is expecting a baby and in her absence David Garioch will take over the role.

As usual I am reminding you that this is your group and that we need your involvement so please keep your ideas and suggestions coming in. We can be contacted via the IOSH website or via our Networks Officer, [Kajal Samat](#).

Best wishes as always

Jo Lewis, Chair of the IOSH Education Group

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