



## **Minutes of 281<sup>st</sup> Branch Meeting.**

**Venue:** Rivers Suite, Craiglockhart Campus, Napier University, Edinburgh EH14 1DJ,

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 14:00.

### **Sederunt:**

R Balfry	H Pearson (M)	S Heesom (M)	A McLeod (M)	S McCann (M)
M Grimmer (M)	G Millar (M)	L Young (M)	V Coats (M)	K O'Donnell (M)
T Mellar (M)	L McLeod (M)	B Griffith (M)	S Crawford (M)	G McBroom (M)
A James (M)	W Szpunar (M)	C Casciani (M)	A McNeill (M)	V Stewart (M)
S Boucher (M)	E Bertram (M)	G Browse (M)	Giorgio Ponzio (G)	

**Total:** 24            23 Members            1 Guests

### **Apologies:**

R Doyle, D Johnson, L Murray, J Guilfoyle, M Cowie, M Johnson, G Neville

### **Chair:**

Rupert opened the meeting, explained where the fire exits were and reminded the audience to switch off their mobiles and print their names on the sederunt. He also asked if there were any new members or guests, Rupert then welcomed 1 new member; Lauren McLeod and 1 guest; Giorgio Ponzio. Rupert also reminded members to remember to complete their CPD, and to make sure they had parked in 'Car Park A' so as not to receive a parking fine.

## **1 Minutes of previous meetings**

Minutes of the meeting and previous meetings can be found at:

<https://www.iosh.co.uk/Membership/Our-membership-network/Our-Branches/Edinburgh-branch/Branch-minutes.aspx>

### **Meeting 279 - 25 Apr 17**

The Chair asked if anything was unclear or if further information was needed. With no further matters arising, the accuracy of Minutes was proposed by Liz Young and seconded by Stephen McCann.

## **2 Correspondence and Group Reports**

### **2.1 Groups:**

No Reports submitted.

### **2.2 Mentor:**

Liz Young reminded all to ensure that they record their CPD, and to contact her should anyone have any problems or queries.



## EDINBURGH BRANCH

[http://www.iosh.co.uk/branches/edinburgh\\_home\\_page.aspx](http://www.iosh.co.uk/branches/edinburgh_home_page.aspx)

### 3 External Events:

#### 3.1 Other IOSH Branch events

- <https://www.iosh.co.uk/Events.aspx>

#### 3.2 BOHS Breathe Freely Roadshows:

- **Manufacturing** – Glasgow (19 September)
- **Construction** – Edinburgh (27 October)

All events are FREE to attend and run from 8.30am to noon, with breakfast provided. The link to sign up is: <http://breathefreely.org.uk/>

#### 3.3 IOSH 2017 annual conference:

Transforming health and safety across the world

**Date:** From Mon 20 Nov 2017 to Tue 21 Nov 2017

**Venue:** The ICC, 8 Centenary Square, Birmingham, West Midlands, B1 2EA  
Details are available from the IOSH website.

### 4 Members Items

#### 4.1 Job Spot

The School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh is recruiting a Health and Safety Manager. For details see:

<http://www.s1jobs.com/job/executive-management/edinburgh/668472123.html> or [www.vacancies.ed.ac.uk](http://www.vacancies.ed.ac.uk) and search for Reference 041158. Applications close on 3rd October.

#### 4.2 *From the floor?* (Members opportunity to share problems & ideas with their peers)

No Items Raised.

### 5 Main Talk:

#### ***'Inspire change within health and safety using drama, storytelling and film':***

- *Emma Currie, MD of Acting Up*  
**Two HSE Managers overheard in conversation....**

*Jim:* Did you make the members' branch meeting in Edinburgh at Napier on Thursday 14th?

*Bob:* I did, first of the season.

*Jim:* I was called away to a site visit - did I miss much?

*Bob:* There was a woman came from a company called Acting Up...it was a novel approach to generating engagement she was telling us about.

*Jim:* Ah, yes, I've hear about these guys...the Red Shoes woman? Gail's Red Shoes?

*Bob:* Yes, *Gail's Shoes*...that's what she's best known for but she's got loads of other performances too. She did the *Gail's Shoes* monologue for us though. It took me by surprise!

*Jim:* How so?



*Bob:* She was speaking about the whole thing she does...she's written this book called ***The Philosophy of the Red Shoes*** about her style of training...and she was telling us how she'd normally deliver it, how she'd usually be on site or something and the guys wouldn't know anything about it, they'd be expecting a safety session, power point 'n' that. And as she's describing this she starts to get into her costume, which is a bed sheet and red high heels!

*Jim:* Are you sure it was the IOSH meeting you were in?!

*Bob:* Ha Ha! Aye! It's very different! She literally turned into the character in front of us, launched into this 10 minute monologue - premise being that she's had a row with her husband and had a wild night on the town, ended up in some hotel, but her husband has had an industrial accident, he's in a wheelchair, it's 2 years since the accident, she's given up everything to care for him, he's depressed...it's very powerful! It's well-written.

*Jim:* Oh, I see, so you hear about the impact on the family...

*Bob:* Aye. But then Emma, (that's the woman that runs the company...Emma Currie she's an actress and writer), she tells us about how she uses all these stories to get people talking about their own safety culture.

*Jim:* How?

*Bob:* She gets the workforce to come up with ideas for films about likely accidents on site...get's them to flesh out their ideas, talk about the characters, the psychology of the site, gets them to engage, looks at behaviours, leadership, wellbeing...

*Jim:* Wellbeing? That's the theme for our stand down day in January.

*Bob:* She's just created a session on Wellbeing, actually...It starts with an awards ceremony, someone's won an award for fastest growth in sector and it turns out to be a company promoting depression...Then the participants have to design a rival start up company which packages wellbeing, and they pitch like in Dragon's Den, to the dragons.

*Jim:* Very clever. Sounds like a hoot!

*Bob:* But she draws out the learning, makes a serious point. The key thing is she gets them totally engaged. From casual labourers to CEOs; everyone engages. She works with all the major companies, AMEY, SSE, Shell, Kier, Balfour Beatty...she's different...it works...

*Jim:* Och, I wish I'd made it along.

*Bob:* Give her a call, or drop her an email, she's very passionate about what she does, I'm sure she'd come and tell you about it if you offered her a cup of coffee.

*Jim:* Great! It's good to keep the message fresh! Get the workforce designing their own HSE solutions.

*Bob:* I'm going to buy the book - use some of her process. See you at the next session Jim.

*Jim:* Right you are Bob. [www.actingup.co.uk](http://www.actingup.co.uk) I'll remember that.

Call Emma Currie on 07711697081 or email [emma@actingup.co.uk](mailto:emma@actingup.co.uk) to find out more



### 6 Date of next meetings:

12<sup>th</sup> October at **18:00**

- Design of Tall Buildings to Assure Building Regulations Compliance for Fire Safety, and;
- Techniques for tackling fires in tall buildings.

<https://www.iosh.co.uk/IOSH/Home/Events/Event%20details.aspx?Name=Design%20of%20Tall%20Buildings%20to%20Assure%20Building%20Regulations%20Compliance%20for%20Fire%20Safety&Id={1EA49F05-0AC9-42F4-8B26-B05977172EBE}&ItemType=VolunteerEvent&ReturnURL=%2fEvents.aspx%3fbranch%3dEdinburgh%26type%3dBranch%2bmeeting%26datefrom%3d13%2f09%2f2017%26dateto%3d13%2f03%2f2018%26filter%3ddate%26pagesize%3d10>

All welcome to attend buffet beforehand at 17:15

Rupert Balfry  
Grad IOSH  
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