



**LONDON
WORK AT HEIGHT
SEMINAR**

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The London Work at Height Seminar provides an opportunity for our industry to collaborate in the interest of occupational health and wellbeing, safety awareness, best practice and knowledge sharing; and to demonstrate a variety of work at height methodologies and industry innovations.

The event is aimed at all professionals who have an interest in working at height within the City of London, and beyond, including local government authorities, procurement professionals, health and safety professionals, building and facilities managers and many more.

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IRATA is an acronym for the Industrial Rope Access Trade Association. IRATA's rope access system is a safe method of working at height, where ropes and associated equipment are used to gain access to and from the work position, and to be supported there.

Supporting and providing guidance to users on their rope access system worldwide – whether or not IRATA members – IRATA promotes the sharing of knowledge and best practice through collaboration. Accordingly, IRATA's informative publications, including their International Code Of Practice (ICOP) and Training, Assessment and Certification Scheme (TACS), are freely available

from their website. Working closely with regulators and legislators around the globe, IRATA strives to continually improve and share industry best practice.

IRATA promotes and maintains: high standards, safety, work quality and working practices for the industrial rope access industry through their educational publications and a programme of international technical events and seminars.

IRATA are extremely proud to work alongside the dedicated professionals at the City of London Corporation, who have supported the LWAHS from the outset.

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The City of London Corporation acts as a leader and champion in many spheres, driving excellence in areas that include occupational health and wellbeing. It engages with others to holistically add value, share resources, embed good practices and develop behaviours.

The City of London Corporation's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is based on the principle of deploying resources where they will have the biggest impact on improving health, safety and wellbeing outcomes. It provides a framework to enable colleagues, partners and other stakeholders to make unique contributions to the delivery of its corporate outcomes. The City should be more than just a safe place.

The City of London Corporation strives to positively influence the health of everyone who lives and works in the City, enabling them to live healthy lives and promoting strong and empowered groups of individuals who are motivated to drive positive change within their communities and businesses.

GUEST SPEAKERS







JOANNA CARRINGTON

Director of Health and
Safety and Head of
Profession at the City
of London Corporation

With an impressive career spanning two decades, Joanna has excelled as an occupational Health and Safety professional, primarily within local government administration and higher education. Her passion for Health and Safety was ignited during her doctoral research, which focused on the effects of location and ventilation on workers' exposure to environmental tobacco smoke in British pubs. Transitioning from local government to higher education, Joanna honed her expertise over 17 years, leading transformative change in Health and Safety management. Her responsibilities encompassed large, multi-site organisations with complex risk profiles. As Head of Profession, Joanna advocates for the Health and Safety profession and professionals within the City of London Corporation. Joanna serves as an ambassador, actively working to improve organisational outcomes in matters of Health and Safety. Joanna also represents the interests of Health and Safety professionals on a range of issues, ensuring adherence to profession-specific guidelines to grow trust and confidence.

Joanna is a Chartered Member of IOSH, actively participates in Women in Health and Safety, and engages with local networking groups in higher education.



JONATHAN COOPER

BSc (Hons)
MRICS, MCIIOB

City of London Corporation

Jonathan is a chartered building surveyor and construction professional having spent 17 years working in the construction and property industry. His career has been split between private consultancy – working with a multitude of clients from education to housing. More recently he has been working client-side in the public sector, having previously led an asset management function for Westminster City Council's housing portfolio.

Jonathan now works for the City of London Corporation, delivering planned investment and refurbishment works across the majority of the City's corporate and investment portfolio. This covers an extensive range of assets, from Tower Bridge, to independent schools, churches, commercial office space and even open spaces such as Epping Forest.



JONATHAN CAPPER

Chairman,
IRATA International

Jonathan Capper has been involved with the work at height industry for 40 years and is currently the IRATA Chairman. Jonathan Capper has been engaged with the work at height industry for 40 years. In addition, he has spent 30 years working on British, European and International standards for Personal Protective Equipment against falls from height. Jonathan is Managing Director of Lyon Equipment Limited, a leading supplier of personal fall protection equipment including a work at height training school. Jonathan regularly advises clients and regulatory authorities in post-accident investigations.



DR SHEILA KONDAVEETI

CEO, IRATA International

Sheila has operated in the senior management of IRATA, the leading authority in rope access, for almost a decade. Before her appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Sheila managed IRATA's International Quality Department, overseeing the development and further implementation of the governance and procedures that set the global safety standards in the rope access industry, and in particular the IRATA membership standards. Sheila has been key in structuring and improving the third party audit service that is provided to all IRATA members, to assure our members remain at the very pinnacle of safety in the rope access industry.

Sheila has led IRATA through all stages of their UKAS audit to successfully secure accreditation to ISO/IEC 17024, and thus fortifying the existing international recognition of IRATA Technicians as the highest quality in the industry. Sheila is committed to raising the organisation's standards through developing and implementing digital processes, offering additional benefits to members and the wider industry.



STEPHEN GREEN

Health and Safety Executive

Stephen joined the HSE as an Inspector in 2009, starting in the Field Operations Division, before transitioning to the Construction Division in 2015. He dedicated 12 years to frontline operations, conducting workplace inspections and investigating serious incidents and fatalities. Later, Stephen moved into a policy role within the Product Safety and Market Surveillance Unit, where he became the policy lead for work at height. Prohibition Notices for unsafe work at height became a frequent issue he addressed, especially in the construction sector. Stephen has also pursued numerous work at height prosecutions.

Prior to joining the HSE, he worked for a large home improvement company, where he held responsibilities for planning work at height, providing him with practical experience in the field.



ADAM SMITH

Project Team Leader / Principal Designer / CDM Advisor, Bailey Gardner (Health & Safety) Ltd

Adam has over 12 years' experience working as a Health & Safety Consultant specialising in construction, Construction Design Management Advisor and Principal Designer Advisor. Currently working for Bailey Gardner (Health & Safety) Ltd, part of PIB Risk Management, Adam is involved across a broad range of sectors UK wide, including commercial, housing, health, education and private sectors. This includes working alongside the City of London on multiple projects and has involved a number of specialist access improvement works on Tower Bridge.

Adam has extensive experience providing and assisting with the Principal Designer and CDM Advisor roles for numerous and varying clients within London and the Southeast providing guidance, support and advice to ensure that the client was complying with all aspects and requirements of their duties under CDM 2015.



PETER BENNETT OBE

Chair, Access Industry Forum

Peter Bennett OBE has dedicated his career to making working at height safer. Today, Peter plays a leading role in six not-for-profit height safety organisations – PASMA, Ladder Association, ATLAS, No Falls Foundation, Test & Research Centre and Access Industry Forum – placing him at the forefront of ambitious and innovative change happening within the sector. Peter is an expert in height safety and a real champion for progress, so everything he does is motivated by one overriding goal: preventing falls from height.



JAMIE RUXTON

City of London Corporation

As the Senior Technical Officer at Tower Bridge, Jamie oversees the operational hydraulics responsible for opening the bridge, making him one of just three individuals globally qualified for this role.

He has successfully introduced digital inspection systems into the bridge's day-to-day operations, modernising inspection and monitoring regimes. Additionally, he has spearheaded the hydraulics replacement project, which involved upgrading the outdated hydraulic power units (HPUs) from the 1970s to state-of-the-art units, maximising efficiency.

Jamie also has the responsibility for ensuring the safety of projects and overseeing Health and Safety aspects related to the bridge, and although relatively new to the work-at-height industry, he has developed a strong passion for work at height and safety management, obtaining NEBOSH and IRATA LEVEL 1 qualifications to further enhance his expertise.



SIMON RICHMOND

Senior Technical Officer,
Arboricultural Association

Simon Richmond is Senior Technical Officer at the Arboricultural Association, the professional body for arboriculture. Simon started his career in tree work in 1974, working as a contractor before moving into training, assessment standards and compliance, and has been involved in the development of technical industry standards for ground based and aerial tree work for over 30 years. Since joining the Arboricultural Association in 2007 Simon has been responsible for setting standards and responding to the UK's evolving Health and Safety legislation.



BEN EKE

Founder of the London
Work at Height Seminar

Ben envisioned and founded the London Work At Height Seminar to create a knowledge sharing platform for the benefit of all that attend, and to create a safer work environment in the capital city, and beyond.

Ben started in the work at height industry upon leaving school at 16 years old and 33 years later, he has accumulated a wealth of real-world work at height experience, knowledge, and skills.

Having worked as both Managing Director and Operations Director of several IRATA member companies, he is also a past IRATA International Training Manager and worked extensively in the field for various Work at Height operational and training companies, including equipment manufacturers.

With a passion for safety, training and education Ben holds a collective of relevant work at height trade certifications and qualifications spanning more than three decades.

EXHIBITORS





PROGRAMME

TIME

SUBJECT

SPEAKER

09:00 – 09:30

**Welcome Refreshments
and Registration**

09:30 – 09:45

**How to Improve Safety Culture
Through Imagining How It Should Be**

Joanna Carrington

09:50 – 10:00

**IRATA – The Leading Authority on
Industrial Rope Access**

Jonathan Capper

10:05 – 10:15

**IRATA – Setting the Standard for Rope
Access**

Sheila Kondaveeti

10:20 – 10:35

**Safely Keeping the City in a Good
State of Repair**

Jonathan Cooper

10:40 – 10:55

**Working at Height – CDM 2015
Practicable Implementation**

Adam Smith

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee Break

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SPEAKER

11:15 – 11:30

Working at Height – Getting it Right

Peter Bennett OBE

11:35 – 11:50

**An HSE Inspector's View of Work
at Height**

Stephen Green

11:55 – 12:10

Working at Height Tower Bridge

Jamie Ruxton

12:15 – 12:30

**Aerial Tree Work – Towards
Compliance**

Simon Richmond

12:35 – 13:00

**City of London Work at Height
Innovation Award**

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch and Meet the Guest Speakers

14:00 – 16:00

Exhibitor Demonstrations

THE VENUE



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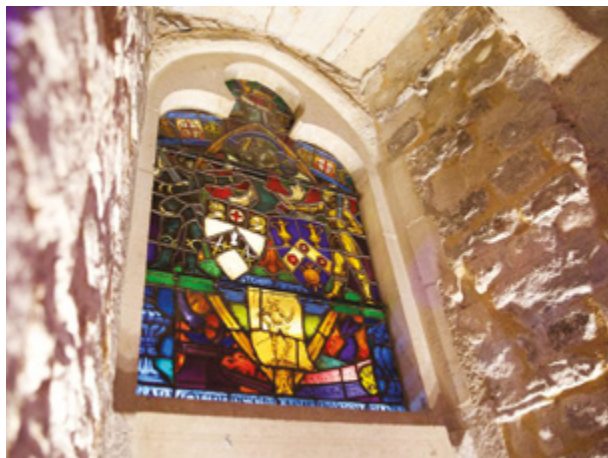
An enduring symbol of London's past and present, Guildhall remains an extraordinary setting. Steeped in tradition, Guildhall invites guests on a journey spanning more than 800 years – from the Gothic grandeur of the Great Hall to the largest surviving medieval crypts in London. Home to the City of London Corporation, Guildhall is a remarkable backdrop to national celebrations, corporate entertainment and major conferences.

The LWAHS 2023 presentations will be held in the Livery Hall, with its fine Victorian Gothic features. Designed by Sir Horace Jones, the Grade II listed Livery Hall was built between 1870 and 1873. Equipped with modern facilities and coloured lighting which beautifully illuminates the architecture, the Livery Hall is

a characterful and versatile function area providing an ideal space to host major public and private conferences.

Attendees will be able to network and gain insightful advice and information from the LWAHS exhibitors, situated in the West and East Crypts. Dating back to Edward the Confessor (1042) and divided into two rooms, the East and West Crypts are equally atmospheric, yet completely different in style, providing a striking and atmospheric space.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of London Corporation for its continued support in hosting this event.





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