

NEWS FROM AROUND THE INDUSTRY...

BOHS.

Lisa Williams, Manager BOHS Qualifications, will be speaking at the **2022 LEV Conference** on BOHS activities to support raising standards and increasing collaboration with Approved Training Providers.

BOHS annual conference (OH2021) went ahead in Nottingham, [video round up](#). OH2022 20th – 23rd June, Belfast [book here](#) & [Abstract Submission](#).

Participated in the LEV Industry and Regulatory Forum on 6th Dec.

Update to the latest version of the COSHH Essentials Metal Working series (MW1) on 'Time Delay' and what this means for clearance testing. See [Article](#) in BOHS Exposure Magazine (Dec 2021)

SAFed...

September saw ILEVE members deliver two lectures to SAFed members on:

- o fume cupboards
 - o laminar down flow booths.
- Both were well received.

SHAPA...

The annual [Solids Handling Awards](#) is now open to all companies registered in UK, whether SHAPA members or not, who are directly involved in the solids handling and processing industry.

This exciting opportunity will comprise awards in six categories:

- o Innovation Award
- o Export Award
- o Sustainability Awards
- o Newcomer Award
- o Apprentice prize award and
- o Company of the Year Award.

Next meeting 19/1/22- Cyber Security

ILEVE NEWS

Although the ILEVE Steering Committee work hard on behalf of all members, much of this is carried out in the background, such as arranging events, presenting at various information days, working on the various Technical Committees and with our Strategic Partners, processing the Partnership Scheme methodology and carrying out Grading of members.

This year however, we are planning various training and information days for Members to attend to help with their CPD, these may be virtually or face to face depending on the pandemic. You will notice that we are planning a Fume Cupboard Information Day in March, the LEV Conference in April and the AGM including Information Day in June. Further information will be circulated when these have been arranged and we have dates plus we will be looking to arrange other training days later in the year, if any members have any ideas for these please do let us know.

We will also have a stand at MACH 22 at the NEC Birmingham between the 4th and 8th April, so please do come along and see us.

ILEVE at MACH, NEC Birmingham, 4th – 8th April

Meet the Steering Committee Member

Dean Greer- Chair of the ILEVE Steering Committee and Chair of the Grading and Membership Sub Committee

In addition to Chairing Steering Committee Meetings, I am involved with many of the Technical Committees, giving presentations and working with CIBSE Membership Department. I also carry out grading of members and have been involved, along with others, in getting the Partnership Scheme process in place.

I have worked in the LEV Industry for over 40 years, and despite taking early retirement am still involved with ILEVE, other Institutes and the HSE.

HSE UPDATE

It discussed feedback from the Workshop on the Investigation of critical Factors for the Safe Use of Recirculating Local Exhaust Ventilation held on 3rd December 2021. This is obviously an important topic due to the hazardous substances being used and the filtration of these before being recirculated into the workplace.

HSE Planning and enforcement activities were also presented to the Forum and there have been a number of areas targeted such as the Construction Industry, Welding, Woodworking, and the Fabricated Metals industry for metal working fluids.

It was also noted that new COSHH Essentials sheets for Dichloromethane are now available on the HSE website.

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Upcoming events

What	When	Where	More details
SHEP / SHAPA DSEAR Webinar	27th Jan 2022	Online	www.shepuk.co.uk
Fume Cupboard Information Day	March 2022	Manchester	Not yet available
LEV Conference	26th April 2022	The Studio, Leeds & Online	See BOHS website Information will be circulated to members shortly
ILEVE AGM	15th June 2022	HSL Buxton	



Technical Committee Updates...

TC01 TExT & Commissioning Reports

The website currently experiences approximately 50 visitors per month as more and more companies are adopting the ILEVE template. The BOHS recognise the templates as acceptable for their P'series courses.

TC02 ILEVE Partnership Scheme

The ILEVE Partnership Scheme is up and running and has its first member, details of which can be found on our [website](#). New applications can be made through this [link](#).

TC03 Recirculating Filters

Await further news from the technical committee regarding this.

TC04 On torch extraction

ILEVE are looking to set up a Technical Committee to look into the effectiveness of on-tool extraction. Anyone wishing to register their interest in taking part in this should email ileve@cibse.org

TC05 BOHS BESA Qualifications

Currently we are in discussions with BESA to recognise the BOHS P'series qualifications and in time to included them in their [Academy](#). This requires the qualifications to be aligned with the National Occupational Standards relating to LEV. This has been done and further meetings are planned in early 2022 to move this forward.

TC06 Direct Reading Instruments

ILEVE are looking to set up a Technical Committee to look into the use of direct monitoring equipment in TExT assessments. Anyone wishing to register their interest in taking part in this should email ileve@cibse.org

TC07 Stack Design

ILEVE are looking to set up a Technical Committee to look into the design of stacks. Anyone wishing to register their interest in taking part in this should email ileve@cibse.org

Is your commissioning and TExT reporting up to scratch?

We are seeing a growing number of HSE Improvement Notices and prosecutions (from HSE and privately) brought against companies who are failing to carryout adequate Commissioning or TExT.

Some of the failings listed as part of the prosecution are very basic. Examples being:

- o failure to demonstrate adequate control was being achieved during commissioning
- o schematic diagram not complete
- o no comments or recommendations made despite air flow readings being below recommended minimums
- o no evidence of qualitative assessments
- o systems classed as 'Satisfactory' but requiring attention to defects

TExT assessments being carried out when no commissioning documents (as required under L5) are in place.

COSHH ACOP L5 states:

"177 Employers should check all engineering controls when they are installed to ensure that they meet the specified technical performance and, in combination with other control measures, are capable of providing adequate control. This initial, or commissioning, information can provide a benchmark for subsequent regular examinations and tests. The results of each thorough examination and test should be checked against the assessment carried out under regulation 6 and the requirements of regulation 7 regarding control. Any defects found as a result of the examinations or tests should be put right as soon as possible."

The ILEVE Best Practice Guide to Commissioning of LEV Systems is free to download from our [website](#).

