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How IOSH is supporting its members' career progression

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## What is IOSH?

#### Professional body

A not for profit organisation holding a Royal Charter that exists for the public good

#### **Thought leader**

Underpinned by research, expertise and understanding around occupational safety and health



#### Membership organisation Supporting a global network of 47,000 members in 130 countries

#### Enabler

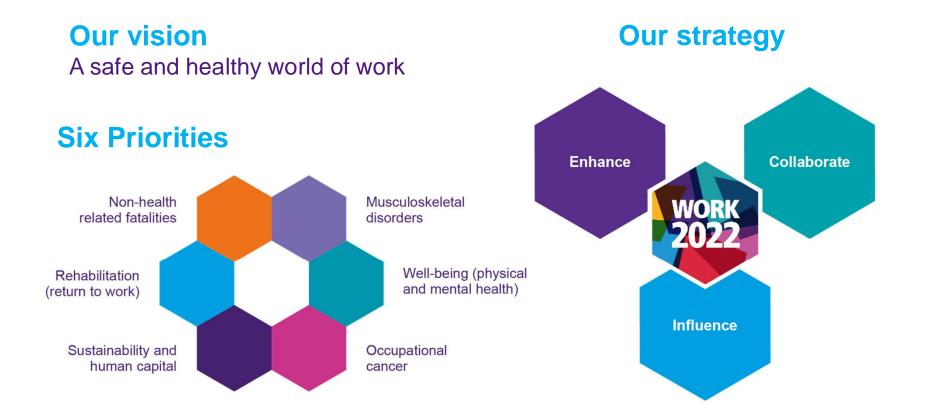
Helping organisations around the world to excel in safety and health. 180,000 delegates in over 70 countries trained each year

### **IOSH – branches and groups**

#### 47,000 members in 130 countries



### **IOSH – what we stand for**



# **Workplace changes**

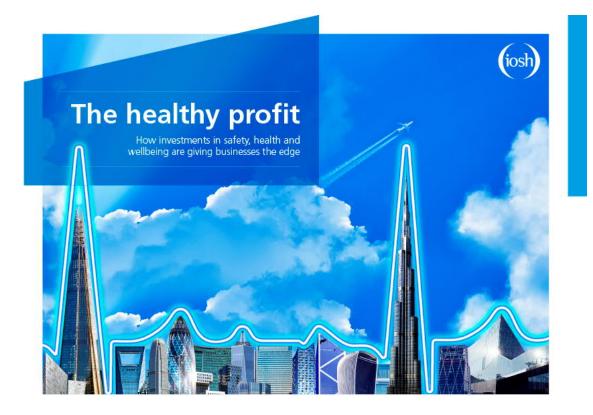
The impact of change on the health and safety at work agenda

- Why is the world changing?
  - Demographic changes
  - Technological changes
  - Organisational changes
  - Socio-political changes
  - Gig Economy
  - Zero-hours contracts
  - Flexible working
  - Working from home/remotely
  - Deferred retirement



# The healthy profit

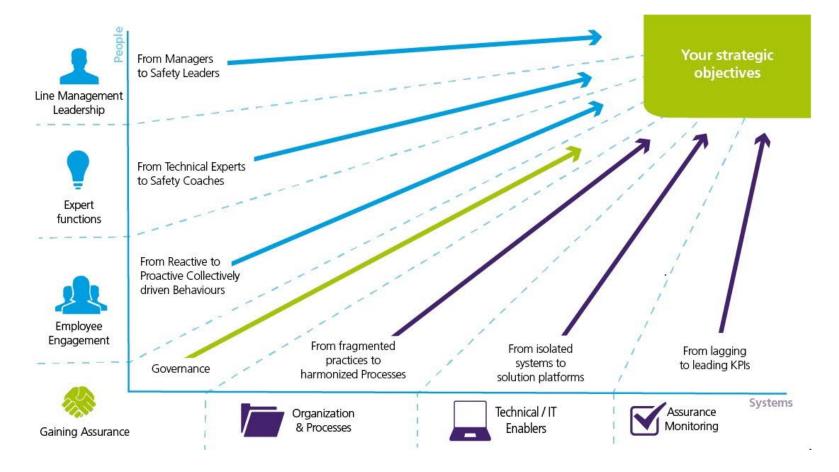
#### Our call to action to business



- Report highlights the investments being made by forward-thinking organisations
- An IOSH-commissioned survey found barriers exist for many businesses
- Investment in the safety and health of a workforce should be a core strategic aim
- Transparency and openness in reporting on OSH performance

## **Real-world challenges**

#### How are organisations responding?



# Impact on the profession

What's expected of the OSH Professional?

What OSH Professionals do can be quite broad and it's still widening....

- Traditional fields of responsibility
  - Safety
  - Occupational Health
  - Occupational Hygiene
  - Fire
  - Environment
  - Quality
- Evolving fields of responsibility
  - Wellness including mental health
  - Psychosocial risks
  - Corporate social responsibility
  - Safeguarding
  - Sustainability
  - Human Capital

## The future for OSH professionals

#### Our research says...

...health and safety is becoming more complex and spans many other disciplines...

...OSH is becoming more reliant on science and technology...

...organisations want improved productivity and adaptability...

...OSH professionals need to work as global citizens...

...organisations need OSH professionals to work as equal partners in the boardroom...

...organisations need OSH professionals to deliver value to the business...

...there is a talent shortage for those who can deliver "world-class" OSH...

#### ...so OSH professionals need...

...a breadth of knowledge and flexibility.

...to be innovative and agile.

...to look at simplification, efficiencies and innovation.

...to understand different cultures and practices, as well as technical legislation.

...strategic and influencing skills.

...to be solution providers, not business blockers.

...to take up the opportunities.

# Technical, core and behavioural themes

**IOSH** focus on competencies

- Core competencies support the organisation's values and mission. They will usually apply to all jobs in the organisation and to include leadership and management
- Behavioural competencies soft skills that reflect personal behaviours and attributes
- Technical or job specific competencies apply to certain roles or a 'family' or 'group' within the organisation. These competencies outline any technical expertise required and assess the depth and breadth of that skill and knowledge.
- 'Meta' competencies relate to the recruitment of high potential individuals who the organisation would like to promote and develop

# **Enhancing the profession**

How IOSH is supporting professional development

### Some examples of new initiatives

- Improvements this year to our CPD (continuing professional development) system
- Creating new technical guides and running CPD courses
- A careers hub
- Student membership
- Future Leaders Community for new and aspiring OSH professionals
- Events designed for professionals at every level
- A new qualification with a focus on technical and business skills

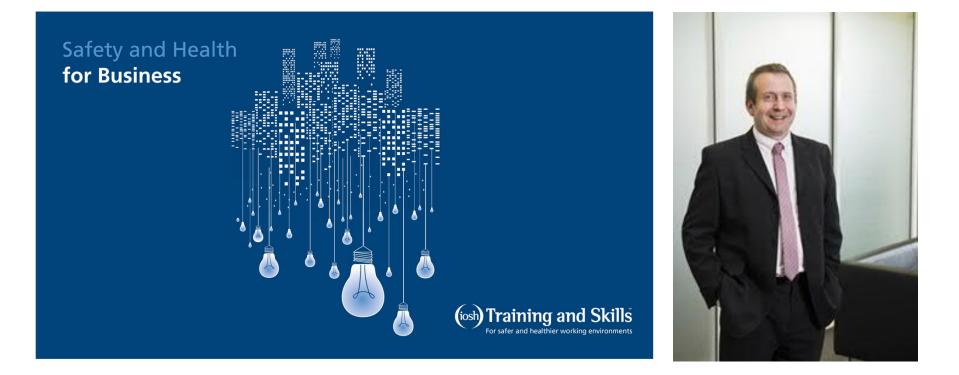




TAILORED COURSES [Sector/Theme/Location]

## The future of our profession

### NCFE IOSH Level 3 Certificate in Safety and Health for Business



## **IOSH Conference 2019**

Sessions on non-technical core competencies, such as

- Leadership skills
- Collaborating with other disciplines
- Use of language
- Shaping behaviours
- Strategic thinking

Visit us at IOSH 2019 – 16-17 September 2019, Birmingham



# Summary

A changing world of work	Organisations are now responding	Leading to changes in OSH role
More	OSH professionals	IOSH programme
collaborative	need to build	to enhance the
working	competencies	profession





Thanks for your time

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