

International Institute Of Risk And Safety Management North East & Cumbria Branch

Committee Members



Glenn E Ridsdale

Chair

Glenn is an avid follower of the Boro, he has in excess of 25 years' experience working within a number of business sectors both in the UK and Internationally. These sectors include aeronautical, power, oil and gas, petrochemical, waste and recycling construction, hospitality and leisure. Glenn holds corporate membership with the International Institute of Risk and Safety management, is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health and various engineering bodies.

An Engineer by background, Glenn has strong International business acumen, having established safety and performance management-based consultancy and training businesses in the UK and abroad. He has held a number of Director/Senior Management positions, delivering high performing results to a cross section of organisations. He is passionate about all aspects of risk management and in particular supporting businesses with their human performance towards risk, and is in the final year of completing a Master's Degree in Behaviour Change (Occupational Health and Safety).

Andrew, a Sunderland supporter who is the Head of Health, Safety and Quality Assurance for Northern Gas Networks, the gas distribution network which supplies gas to customers across the North East, Cumbria and Yorkshire. An experienced HSEQ leader, Andrew has extensive experience in the practice, application and management of health, safety environmental and quality risks gained across a range of sectors, including Housing and Construction, Utilities and Manufacturing, and is an advocate for ensuring that risk management is effectively integrated into business activities, both strategically and operationally. Currently studying a Master's Degree in Leadership.

Andrew is experienced in developing strategic HSEQ solutions for large national and international multi-site businesses and has a history of developing culture and raising the profile of HSEQ issues at all organisational levels.



Andrew Grant

Vice Chair

Asgeir, another big Sunderland fan, has worked within risk management for more than 20 years', initially as a lawyer based in the North East, then within compliance roles within the logistics and energy sectors. For the past decade Asgeir has worked as an HSEQ consultant operating both within the UK and internationally across a diverse range of industries, including construction, manufacturing, power, waste and recycling, leisure, rail and petro-chemical. Currently studying a Master's Degree in Behaviour Change (Occupational Health and Safety).

Having experienced and witnessed the principal issues surrounding risk management from various perspectives throughout his career Asgeir recognises the value of strong leadership within businesses and has assisted companies in changing their risk management systems and overall culture to operate successfully within the modern world of risk management.



Asgeir Nilsen

Secretary

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A Newcastle supporter through and through, Barry is the Founder and Director of Synergy Business Transformation, which provides risk management consultancy and training services covering Project, Quality and Health & Safety management.

With over 20 years' engineering and manufacturing experience within the energy sector, Barry is passionate about supporting members in adopting risk-based approaches to deliver change, improve efficiency and maintain regulatory compliance.

Barry Cooper

Treasurer

A Boro fan, Derek is Currently employed as an EHS Manager for Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy Derek has additional HSEQ management experience gained within the oil and gas, civil engineering, utility and heavy engineering sectors.

Derek considers himself fortunate to have experienced practical hands-on tools experience through to successful international HSEQ management. This has provided him with a good foundation of risk management across all levels of an organization whilst at the same time gaining an appreciation and knowledge of how leadership and engagement with stakeholders is essential to good risk management, allowing for local workplace and organisational factors.



Derek Dixon

***Membership
Advisor***