

POSITION: Senior Health & Safety Consultant
ORGANISATION: Ashview Consultants Ltd
INDUSTRY/SECTOR: Construction
SOCIAL:



Member Profile:

Justyna Kluska FIIRSM

In this interview, Justyna Kluska highlights her career to date, the reasons why she became a risk and safety management professional and how joining IIRSM can help you build and strengthen your skills, and support professional development.

Tell us about your background, your current role and IIRSM membership grade

I have been a Senior Health and Safety Consultant for Ashview Consultants Ltd since December 2017 and am a Fellow of IIRSM. I am also IIRSM Secretary for the Ireland Branch.

As the largest construction safety consultancy in the Republic of Ireland, Ashview Consultants Ltd provides advice to a wide range of industries across both Ireland and the UK. As a Project Supervisor Design Process (PSDP), I continually assess the project design's safety and also ensure that the design team members co-ordinate building products and sustainability with an emphasis on health and safety.

At Ashview, I also lead the Women Enterprise Networking and am looking to open up a new IIRSM networking group for women, which I hope will attract potential new members and help to showcase trailblazers across safety, science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

What prompted you to become a risk and safety management professional?

I chose a career as a risk and safety management professional specifically in the construction sector because you can see the immediate results from your hard work. Every day there is something new to learn and I can demonstrate my skills really well in this sector. There are also lots of career opportunities in the Republic of Ireland and the UK as well as internationally.

I get to meet so many inspiring individuals who have shared their experiences with me, and this has really enhanced my own learning. It's a really rewarding career and I get to be part of something that will shape the future of the construction safety environment around me.

Tell us about why you joined IIRSM and how it has helped you

I have a long-term plan and vision for my future and felt that IIRSM would help me get to where I wanted to be, so I joined in 2017

after graduating. The IIRSM offers excellent networking opportunities and provides lots of different resources such as webinars, guidance and newsletters, which have really helped improve my knowledge. It also has the best external information resources, including access to CPD and mentoring programmes.

How can IIRSM membership help risk and safety management professionals?

Aside from the extraordinary networking opportunities, IIRSM can enhance your visibility. It's great for helping risk and safety management professionals achieve certification and improve their qualifications. It also offers an excellent mentoring programme with experienced professionals who can share their own experiences, who will listen to you and provide feedback on any questions you have, and celebrate your achievements with you. I have an excellent mentor at Ashview Consultants Ltd, Ben Byrne, IIRSM Ireland Branch Chair, who has helped me develop my skills.