

POSITION: Senior Health, Safety and Environmental Manager
ORGANISATION: Willmott Dixon
INDUSTRY/SECTOR: Construction
SOCIAL:



Member Profile:

Katy Jenner, MIIRSM

In this interview, Katy Jenner 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

As a Senior Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) Manager for Willmott Dixon, I am based in southeast England and have worked in the construction industry for more than 10 years. I currently hold full membership of IIRSM but I have aspirations to achieve Fellowship level.

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

I decided to become a risk and safety management professional after I had a minor accident at work. I realised that if an accident could happen to me, then it could happen to anyone. I felt that I could play a part and make a difference by ensuring that people work in a safe and healthy manner so they return home to their loved ones unharmed at the end of each day.

I believe that safety should be simple and easily understood by everyone, no matter what their background is. I will strive to ensure that this is the case.

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

IIRSM has helped me in many ways. It has provided me with an opportunity to grow and develop as an individual on both a professional and personal level by providing opportunities to volunteer. This experience has significantly increased my confidence and introduced me to a network of like-minded people as well as encouraging and supporting me with my continual professional development (CPD).

The IIRSM also offers an extensive range of resources that enables members to further build their knowledge. Personally, I've found having access to the body's Sentinel magazine to be particularly helpful. It is full of relevant and on-topic articles that are really useful as they help me to develop my knowledge and understanding, and this contributes towards my CPD. IIRSM also provides important learning opportunities through branch webinars and the mentoring programme.

How can IIRSM membership help risk and safety management professionals?

If you are a risk and safety management professional who is looking for a supportive network that values openness, authenticity, collaboration and effectiveness, then I'd recommend you join IIRSM and explore the benefits of membership.

IIRSM really does put people at the heart every decision that it makes. You will not be disappointed with the level of support that you'll receive, in collectively ensuring that people live and work in a safer, healthier and more sustainable world.

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