

#### GRŴP IECHYD A DIOGELWCH GOGLEDD-ORLLEWIN CYMRU NORTH WEST WALES HEALTH & SAFETY GROUP

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 - 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Main Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, School of Electronic Engineering, Dean Street, Bangor LL57 1UT

# 'Safe Tower Scaffold Campaign - 'Not on your life!"

Claire Bruce - Health and Safety Executive, Safety Unit

# THE SPEAKER

Claire Bruce is leading the HSE's current project into the supply and use of unsafe scaffolding towers following a number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from falls from incomplete and unsafe types of scaffold tower.

Claire is a member of the HSE Safety Unit (SU), which is the HSE point of contact for technical and policy issues relating to the safe design, supply and use of work equipment.

Based at the HSE offices at Ashford, Claire was previously senior administration manager before joining SU in her latest role to provide specialist support in the subjects of work at height and personal protection equipment.

Claire has played a key part in the delivery of the internal review process for HSE work at height guidance which resulted from the independent report on health and safety legislation carried out by Professor Ragnar E Löfstedt.

# THE TALK

The industry body PASMA - 'Not on Your Life' was first launched at The Health & Safety Event in Birmingham 2014. The campaign focuses on the real and present dangers of using non EN1004 mobile access towers and has been developed after a number of serious reported incidents on H Frame/domestic towers.

Refreshments will be provided from 2.00pm. Talk starts at 2.15pm. Falling from height kills more people than anything else in the workplace, which is why the campaign warns people using towers that their lives and the lives of others may depend on only buying or hiring a safe tower. 'Since 2001, an average of 50 people in Great Britain have died each year as a result of a fall from height and a further 8,702 are seriously injured.

A tower scaffold is one way to prevent a fall when working at height. The type of tower selected must be suitable for the work and erected and dismantled by people who have been trained and are competent to do so.

Those using tower scaffolds should also be trained in the potential dangers and precautions required during use.

Tower scaffold provision and use must be properly managed and include rigorous scaffold inspection arrangements. Key issues with tower scaffolds are:

- Erection and dismantling
- Stability
- Precautions and inspection
- Using and moving

#### **Further Information:**

http://www.hse.gov.uk/index.htm http://www.pasma.co.uk/





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#### **VENUE**

The Main Lecture Theatre is on the ground floor of Bangor University's School of Electronic Engineering Building *(this building may also be referred to as 'Informatics'),* which is located on Dean Street in Bangor LL57 1UT. The Lecture room is accessible via the main entrance and then follow the directional signs on display.

The University is signposted from the A5/55 Expressway. A location map for the School of Electronic Engineering building can be found at: <u>http://www.bangor.ac.uk/tour/LocationMap.pdf</u> position 74.

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#### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further Information on the Group please contact 'Health and Safety Services', Bangor University, Penbre, College Road, Bangor, LL572DG Tel 01248 383847, email: <u>lisa.fowlie@bangor.ac.uk</u> or visit the Website at <u>http://hsgroup.bangor.ac.uk</u>

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