



Wed/ 5th / May 2010

2.00 – 4.00pm

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

A Desert Experience – Safety the Anglesey Way!!

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Health and Safety Specialist

THE SPEAKER

David worked as a safety specialist for Anglesey Aluminium from 2004 until last September when redundancy forced a change in his career and provided him with the opportunity to embark on a challenging new role as the Reduction department HSE co-ordinator at Emirates Aluminium (EMAL) in Abu Dhabi .

For the last 6 months he has worked in the United Arab Emirates helping to implement the safety standards, lead safety initiatives, conduct investigations, and provide safety training to a diverse multi national workforce. He delivered Potroom Electrical awareness training to over 1000 workers and acted as a coach and mentor to the workforce to enhance, deliver and enforce the core company Safety message "Safety First, Last and Always".

The trip to work involved a daily drive along the 50mile stretch of road - "The Sheik Zayed" from Dubai to Abu Dhabi, a notorious highway where road safety, driving culture and behaviour has to be experienced to be believed. A 2006 UN report identified the United Arab Emirates' roads as the third most dangerous in the world, with 20 deaths per 100,000 population and on average 1 death

and 8 injuries daily for Dubai. David's tough decision to avoid this risk, put his own Safety first meant leaving "a wonderful job with wonderful people" to return to Anglesey.

THE TALK

In this age where the work force is becoming more diverse and multi national this talk will provide an insight into how we can overcome cultural, language and behavioural issues to deliver a safer working environment.

The talk will be a case study of how Health and Safety was communicated and delivered to a multi cultural workforce in an International setting. It will focus on:

- The initial cultural shock
- Establishing the safety standards - "when Alcoa met Rio"
- Training a workforce on Potroom Electrical awareness
- Implementing an Occupational Health and safety recording system
- Investigations and the Human factor
- The importance of communication
- The value of respect and being fair

Further Information on hazards and controls in aluminium potrooms can be found at:

<http://oem.bmj.com/content/60/12/989.full>

Refreshments will be provided from 2.00pm.
Talk starts at 2.15pm.



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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. 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: <http://www.eng.bangor.ac.uk/LocationMap.pdf> 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: l.fowlie@bangor.ac.uk or gareth.w.jones@bangor.ac.uk or visit the Website at <http://hsgroup.bangor.ac.uk>



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