

2022 FIRE SAFETY CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME	20th October 2022 Fire Safety Conference
8.30 – 09.20	Registration of Delegates
9.20	Welcome address of Mr. David O'Reilly IFE Branch President
9.25	Launch of Conference
SESSION 1	
Session Chairperson	Mary O'Brien, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Dublin Fire Brigade.
9:30 – 10:10	Simon Lay, Director, OFR Consultants. <i>"Lessons Learnt Post Grenfell – Single Stair debate"</i>
10:10 – 10:50	IFE International President <i>"Fire engineering: Competence and Co-operation"</i>
10.50 – 11:20	Morning Coffee & Exhibition
11:20 – 12:00	Dermot O'Donnell, Associate Fire Safety Engineer, Arup UK <i>"Update on the Large Scale Fire Tests undertaken on Cross Laminated Timber Construction"</i>
12:00 – 12:50	Sarah Fitzpatrick, Executive Fire Prevention Officer, Dublin Fire Brigade <i>"DFB – Lithium Battery Fire Risks"</i>
12:50 – 14:30	Lunch at Clouds Restaurant followed by Coffee at Exhibition
SESSION 2	
FIRE SAFETY FORUM & WORK SHOP	
Session Chairperson	David O'Reilly, IFE Branch President
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Responsible Fire Safety Management – Part Two (What we all need to know but are sometimes afraid to ask). The Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (BCAR) brought about a culture shift in Irish construction & challenged the knowledge and competence of all concerned. The 2018 Task Force Report seeks to extend improved standards into the build environment stating that Fire Safety is generally seen as a function of 4 aspects, Passive Fire Safety, Active Fire Safety, Management & Behaviour. BCAR challenged all involved to deliver higher standards in fire safety design & construction. Recent government publications present a similar challenge for those engaged in fire safety management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Code of Practice for Fire Safety Assessment of Premises & Buildings (January 2022)</i> • <i>Draft Fire Safety Guide for Building Owners & Operators (Guide for persons having control under Section 18(2) of the Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003.</i> <p>In November 2021 IFE hosted a Fire Safety Forum & Workshop with presentations explaining and providing direction on legislative compliance, regulatory & industry guidance. The workshop session enabled attendee participation & discussion on the subjects raised.</p> <p>Our 2022 workshop will follow similar format with informative presentations followed by ample time for discussion. Governments here and elsewhere look to industry to deliver, is enough being done and what more can each do to support the other?</p> <p>Presentations from the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chris Barry – Assistant Fire Adviser at Department of House Planning and Local Government. <i>"Regulators Perspective - Draft Fire Safety Guide for Building Owners and Operators: Guide for persons having control under Section 18(2) of the Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003".</i> 2. Pat Hunt – Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Westmeath Fire & Rescue Service <i>"Lessons Learned from Report on the 2021 Forum & Workshop – Findings & Recommendations – FSC Questionnaire".</i> 3. Claire Smyth – Chartered Fire Engineer and Safety Management Consultant. <i>"Practitioners Perspective - Challenges facing Owners, Operators & Consultants".</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Workshop All above conference speakers will form a panel to discuss and answer questions from today's attendees.
16:30	Summary & Close of Conference
19:30	Presidents Dinner