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FIRES IN TALL BUILDINGS CAN BE COSTLY BUT ARE PREVENTABLE



Across the UK, fire and rescue services respond to approximately 35,000 house fires annually, with a significant proportion occurring within high-rise flats and maisonettes.

This data also emphasises the urgent need for awareness and preventative measures in high-rise living spaces. The fact is that people living in rented or shared accommodation are seven times more likely to experience a fire, which reinforces this risk, especially since it's clear that many fires in these settings originate from the kitchen.

However, the London Fire Brigade has described fires involving Lithium-ion batteries as 'the fastest growing fire risk in London' reporting a 60% rise in e-bike fires alone in 2023, equating to a call out every two days. Data also reports that the lithium-ion battery fire risk is highest whilst charging devices and that 'gig economy' delivery drivers – who often live in high-rise accommodation - are a high-risk user group.

Fire safety education is essential to introduce greater fire safety awareness among the population. However, there is also a clear need for solutions to be implemented in buildings to reduce the fire risk to residents of high-rise buildings.

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Welcome

Welcome to the 8th International Tall Building Fire Safety Conference

RUSS TIMPSON

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR



Hello, and welcome to this introduction programme for the 8th International Tall Building HRB Fire Safety (UK) conference.

Once again, we have pulled together a great programme of world class speakers on a variety of relevant and important high rise fire safety subjects. Come and network with senior colleagues from the Architect, Fire Engineering, FM, Safety and Fire & Rescue Services.

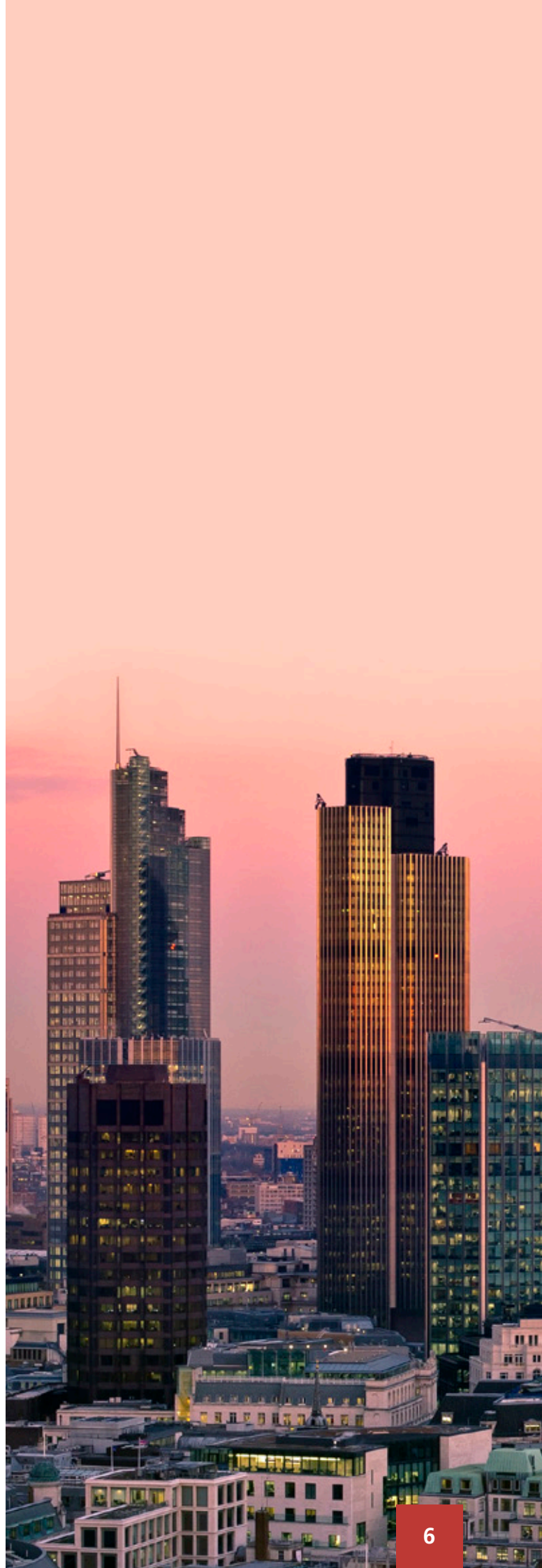
The conference comes after the publication of the Grenfell Tower Phase 2 report. The report details multiple areas for improvement in the fire safety of higher risk buildings such as high-rise buildings. We must therefore accept that the previous mantra of 'high rise does not mean high risk' needs to be replaced with an approach of constant vigilance and professional curiosity. The conference is an opportunity to discuss and debate current fire safety issues from across the sector and the with colleagues from across the Globe.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Go High, Go Well.

Russ Timpson, Conference Director

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Conference Agenda

MONDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2024

DAY 1

Chairperson: Andrew Bulmer, CEO The Property Institute

- 09:45** Delegates to be seated for conference
- 09:50** Housekeeping announcement
- 10:00** Official opening – Peter Apps, author of ‘Show me the Bodies’
- 10:10** Keynote 1 – TBC
- 10:50** Presentation 1 – Jim Glockling: Green & Living walls as Cladding:
Introducing new joint guidance on managing risk
- 11:20** Presentation 2 – Ian Doncaster (SCA) - Construction of Smoke Shafts
- 11:50** Presentation 3 – Nick Atkinson, Ambar Kelly – Riser Shaft Fire Safety
- 12:20** Presentation 4 – HRB Fire Doors – Where Are We?
Fiona Critchley Gerda Security
- 12:50** CTec Presentation
- 13:00** Break – various options for lunch are available.
(Note: lunch refreshments are not included in delegate fee)

Chairperson: Amanda Long CEO of Construction Product Information Limited

- 14:00** Keynote 2 – Ben Levy, High Rise Lead NFCC
- 14:40** Presentation 5 – Capt. Eng. Mohamed Alhaneaee
Abu Dhabi Civil Defence Authority
- 15:10** Presentation 6 – Michael Spearpoint: HRB Evacuation Research
- 15:40** Presentation 7 – Julie Butterworth & Andy Fry, TPAS: Tenant Engagement
- 16:10** Day 1 Question Time with Sir Ken Knight, Colin Todd, Gary Strong,
Monima Harrison and Prof. Ed Galea
- 17:00** Conference Day 1 closes , followed by networking drinks



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TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2024

DAY 2

Chairperson: Jane Duncan, RIBA

- 09:45** Delegates to be seated for conference
- 09:50** Housekeeping announcement
- 10:00** Official opening – Hayley Burgess, Immediate Past President IFE and practising Fire Engineer
- 10:10** Keynote 3 – Paul Bussey: Architects view of Two Stair Challenge
- 10:50** Presentation 8 – Charles White, Hydrochute UK: Refuse Chute Fire Safety
- 11:20** Presentation 9 – Sreenivas Narayanan - Siderise Façade Presentation
- 11:50** Presentation 10 – Karel Lambert: Murphy visits Brussels: The story of a fire in an older high-rise building
- 12:20** Presentation 11 – Adam Briggs, Citizen Housing Group: Preparing a Safety Case for HRB's - Case Study
- 12:50** Tribute to Paul Grimwood
- 13:00** Break – various options for lunch are available.
(Note: lunch refreshments are not included in delegate fee)

Chairperson: Kizzy Augustin Partner at Mishcon de Reya

- 14:00** Keynote 4 – Ben Blackwood, Ballymore
- 14:40** Presentation 12 – Elspeth Grant: Status Of PEEPS in HRB's
- 15:10** Presentation 13 – Conor Logan: BS 9991 – What's Changed?
- 15:40** Presentation 14 – Oliver Sapsford: Research into Crisis Command Decision Making
- 16:10** Day 2 Social Housing Fire Safety Question Time with Claire Norman, Adam Briggs, Fiona Critchley and Ian Moore
- 17:00** Conference Day 2 closes



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Conference Agenda

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2024

DAY 3

Chairperson: Dr Gavin Dunn, CEO FPA

- 09:45** Delegates to be seated for conference
- 09:50** Housekeeping announcement
- 10:00** Official opening – Mark Hardingham – Chair of NFCC
- 10:10** Keynote 5 – Prof Paul Christensen: Electric vehicles Fire Safety Update
- 10:50** Presentation 15 – Paul Hayles, Canary Wharf: Feedback Lessons from a Sub-service EV Fire Desktop Exercise
- 11:20** Presentation 16 – NAAD: Fire Safety Issues with Dampers in High Rise Buildings
- 11:50** Presentation 17 – Sam Bryant OFR: Balconies Research
- 12:20** Presentation 18 – Prof. Guillermo Rien, Imperial College: Latest Research
- 12:50** Andy Slater, Overview of IFSM
- 13:00** Break – various options for lunch are available.
(Note: lunch refreshments are not included in delegate fee)

Chairperson: Annie Pantelli (Head of Operations 22 Bishopsgate)

- 14:00** Keynote 6 – Tom Roche, FM Global ‘What the Insurer Thinks’
- 14:40** Presentation 19 – Jonas Schwering, Frankfurt am Main Fire Service, Germany: Impact of Grenfell Fire on Frankfurt Fire Service
- 15:20** Presentation 20 – Michael Kinsey: Elevating Safety: Challenges with High-rise Residential Fire Lift Evacuation
- 15:50** Presentation 21 – Russ Timpson: Dealing with the after Fire Crisis
- 16:10** Presentation 22 - Jason Hull, Ukraine: High Rise Firefighting in a Warzone
- 17:00** Conference closes



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Revolutionising Fire Safety

It has taken years to 'turn the ship around' on several topics in the U.K. that have required some radical and traditional building design and firefighting deployment tactics. My own refusal to accept the minimum standards related to occupant and firefighter safety normally being approved as compliant is clear. Learning about communication failings from the FDNY and how knowledgeable and experienced firefighters approach these problems is key to accepting a need for our own improvements.

How to organize, deploy effectively with limited resources, communicate information within a tall building and how best to deploy water have always been front and centre.

The moment firefighters enter a fire involved building, their actions (or non-actions) may have great impact on the safety of occupants. Therefore, they hold a significant amount of responsibility for occupant safety whilst on-scene.

As an example, Evacuation Alert systems require that a decision to initiate an evacuation alert for any part of a residential building, will only be made after consideration [by the fire commander] of the tenability of escape routes, particularly the stairway(s), has been made. This means firefighters should be in the stairwells above the fire, reporting tenability status in the egress stairwells, before alerting residents to evacuate. 'Stairwell protection', as strategic terminology, carries a strong meaning in itself. The objective of stairwell protection is to

locate, protect and maintain vertical egress, and as a firefighting strategy is currently summarised well in UK National Operational Guidance as:

"Stairwell protection teams are deployed to ensure the safety of occupants who may be leaving the building and to maintain [tenable] conditions in the stairwell in case evacuation is needed. Because occupants may be in the stairwell when firefighting operations begin it is important to consider protecting stairwells at the earliest opportunity"

The concept of 'stairwell protection' primarily suggests firefighters should locate and secure, or establish, and maintain, at least one means of vertical egress from a fire involved building. 'Stairwell protection' as a strategy differentiates itself from 'stairwell search' which is often a reactive response to fire survival guidance calls.

Stairwell search is where teams of firefighters are deployed to areas above the fire sector to search for, and assist or rescue, occupants who are trapped or threatened by fire or smoke.

Stairwell protection is primarily a proactive strategy that is directed at protecting occupants who may already be self-evacuating, whilst at the same time securing stairwells for an emergency evacuation should it ever be needed. The strategy is aimed at using all available means, tactics and resources to mitigate smoke infiltration into stairwells.

Where fixed installation are concerned, such as rising fire main (standpipes) we also need to look outside the U.K. at what others may be doing. Prepare for the worst case. Our new standards recognise how we can fall short in water availability. Sprinklers can make a difference but will they always activate. The Telstar House fire on London showed us some shortfall in water flow-rate! Fire chiefs stated 1,500 litres/min is not enough for open plan fire development beyond 250 m².

Take a look at the new BS 9990 that carries sensible but manageable changes! Turning ships around in an organisations traditions or national codes takes a disaster, or many years, before positive changes become possible.

DR PAUL GRIMWOOD



DR PAUL GRIMWOOD

PhD; FIFireE

Principal Fire Safety Engineer at Kent Fire & Rescue SH

Paul Grimwood is a pioneer in innovative firefighting techniques and deployment tactics. His contributions have had a profound impact on fire safety designs in the UK and have enhanced the safety of both firefighters and residents on an international scale.

With nearly five decades of experience, Paul began his career with the London Fire Brigade as soon as he turned 18, demonstrating an early and deep commitment to the profession. His passion for bridging theory with practice has driven him throughout his career, always focused on helping firefighters reach their full potential to make life-saving differences.

Paul is widely acclaimed for his influential publications, including the well-known "Euro Firefighter" series and "Fog Attack." These works, along with his contributions to other key texts such as "3D-Firefighting," provide an evidence-based foundation for concepts smoke gas cooling, tactical ventilation, and critical flow rates. His research has been instrumental in shaping firefighting practices and training materials, particularly in the UK and the Netherlands.

This article was written by Paul Grimwood. We (conference organisers) recently learnt of Paul's passing following illness and would like to send condolences and respect to his family.

Paul's contribution to High Rise Fire Safety is immense and he will be missed. We have retained the article as a tribute to Paul and his work".

Speaker Profiles



RUSS TIMPSON is the founder and organiser of the Tall Building Fire Safety Network (TBFSN). Started in 2009 the TBFSN seeks to improve fire safety in the Tall Building Environment. RT is a former RN submariner and firefighter. He is a chartered Fire Engineer.

On leaving the Fire Service, RT took up the position of Head of Safety for Virgin Atlantic Airways, leading a multi-disciplinary team of safety, health and environmental specialists. RT was part of the response team that managed the crash-landing incident at Heathrow in 1999.

In 2000, RT was headhunted by BAA (UK airport operator) to lead the response to the major fire at Terminal 1, Heathrow Airport. In the following five years, RT contributed to several major airport construction projects; including the skyway at Gatwick Airport and T5 at Heathrow Airport.

RT was awarded the HSE's award for European Safety and Health at Work achievement 1998 and European Strategic Risk Management Award 2004, International Fire professional of the Year 2015. CIR International Risk Management Award 2017. In 2020, RT was judged to be in the top 10 influencers in the UK for fire safety: <https://www.ifsecglobal.com/ifsec-global-security-fire-influencers/ifsec-global-influencers-in-security-and-fire-2020/>

RT now works as a consulting resilience engineer. Currently promoting the use of the 'Fire Mark' concept to improved occupant awareness of fire safety in buildings. He is the inventor of the Crisisboardroom™ concept for management of crisis events. Crisisboardroom™ has been deployed around the World to make businesses more resilient.

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GAVIN DUNN
Managing Director

Gavin assumed the role of Managing Director of the FPA in 2024, having previously been Chief Executive of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) for 6 years. Originally an architect, Gavin boasts a wealth of experience in the testing,

inspection, and certification markets in the sectors of construction, real estate, and sustainability, both in the UK and internationally.

Prior to leading CABE, Gavin was Director of Building Performance at the Building Research Establishment (2013-2018), where he oversaw globally leading environmental assessment methods for the built environment including BREEAM and CEEQUAL. From 2006-2013, Gavin was Group Operations Director for Elmhurst Energy Systems, where he contributed to the development of some of Europe's leading building energy certification systems. He also served as Chairman of the Future Homes Standard Working Group during his membership in the UK Government's Building Regulations Advisory Committee from 2015-2022.



OLIVER SAPSFORD is a Teaching Fellow in Disaster and Emergency Management at Coventry University and a junior officer in the London Fire Brigade. From this dual perspective, his research is focused within the field of human factors, more specifically how people make decisions in high - pressure, high - stake environments, intuition

and expertise in the context of emergency response.



JULIE BUTTERWORTH

Head of Consultancy Services at Tpas

Julie has worked alongside Tpas for many years in her roles as Head of Customer and Community for major contractors, including going through and passing our contractors accreditation process. She has also worked as a freelance consultant, and for a Procurement

Consultancy, as well as a Business Partner for a housing association.

Julie has been worked in Social Housing for over 20 years and previous to that careers in recruitment and account management.

Julie is responsible for the Consultancy Services Team and developing the Tpas commercial membership.

She has also recently overseen a significant collaborative programme for Tpas examining Resident Engagement in Building Safety, which reported in June.



CHARLES WHITE

Owner of a UK based refuse chute manufacturing, installation & maintenance / certification company (Hydro Chute: UK's Leading Bin & Laundry Chute Specialist)

21 years experience related to chutes in high rise buildings and trained by BRE (Building Research

Establishment) (BRE Home - BRE Group)

Member of British Standards Institute providing technical & regulatory guidance on refuse chutes across UK & Europe. (Accelerating progress towards a sustainable world | BSI (bsigroup.com)) 20 years of experience with some of the world's biggest FMCG (consumer goods) manufacturing companies: Reckitt (Home | Reckitt.com) & Mars / Wrigley (Mars Wrigley | Mars, Incorporated)



ANNIE PANTELI

Head of Operations - 22 Bishopsgate

Annie joined the 22 Bishopsgate team in 2019, leading the operational strategy for the 278-metre, people-led smart building which has been designed to meet the changing needs of the modern occupier and inspire a new way of working across 1.275 million sq. ft and 62 levels, including the free viewing platform, Horizon 22.

Leading the operations team through the mobilisation of the building to now being fully operational and 96% let, Annie has played a crucial part in implementing emergency preparedness of both the 22 Team and tenant businesses, including planning evacuations of one of the UK's tallest buildings. As a Gold Command for real-time incidents, she understands the complexity and scale of incidents involving tall buildings and the impact they can have on the occupiers and wider community.

Annie started her career as a Client Accountant for Colliers International, Cushman Wakefield and JLL before moving over to The Shard as Operations Manager for REM (UK) Limited. During her 7 years at The Shard, Annie delivered an industry leading property management service for the staff, occupiers, guests, assets, and stakeholders. Her expertise saw her take on the Property Manager role at The Scalpel, another iconic tall building in London before returning to JLL as the Head of Operations at 22 Bishopsgate.



ELSPETH GRANT has been delivering programmes for complex legislative issues such as the delivery of emergency plans for disabled people from high-rise social housing assisted general needs accommodation for the past 18 years.

She is a member of the Building Safety Regulator Building Advisory Committee and has previously sat on the Home Office EEIS Evacuation & Fire Safety Working Group; BSI Steering Group for PAS79-2 Fire Risk Assessment Housing Code of Practice, was a B/559 Committee Member and also a reviewer of BS9991: Fire Safety in the Design, Management and Use of Buildings Code of Practice and the NFCC Simultaneous Evacuation Guidance.



SREENIVAS NARAYANAN is Global Partnerships Director for Siderise, responsible for building the company's footprint worldwide. He has spent ten years in his previous role as Technical Director creating and implementing the technical strategy for the Middle East, India, and South Asia Pacific.

Sreenivas' expertise in the passive fire protection industry is rooted in developing business in new markets, promoting the technology of fire containment in modern building construction, and undertaking comprehensive fire testing programs. He has collaborated with over 60 different cladding manufacturers to complete more than 300 large scale system façade tests, in addition to multiple resistance to fire tests with façade system manufacturers.

As an avid advocate of advancing fire safety and promoting best practice through early engagement, Sreenivas works closely with Siderise's partners alongside architects, contractors, and developers to ensure code compliance and encourage the adoption of fire safety standards in countries that lack regulation. Through his work with local authorities having jurisdiction, he has been instrumental in influencing regional code developments and setting compliance standards.

He is an active member of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE), the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE), the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE), and the Society of Façade Engineering (SFE).

Sreenivas firmly believes that all construction project stakeholders should aspire to get it right the first time round; it is either not possible or viable if it is missed the first time. By connecting people to the information, they need, and sharing knowledge to build collective intelligence, he hopes to leave a legacy that will inspire future generations to build the safest buildings possible.



PAUL CHRISTENSEN

Through his research on thermal runaway and thermal propagation in large lithium-ion battery systems under the Faraday Institution-funded ReLiB and Safebatt projects, PAC has sought to inform first responders of the risks and hazards of lithium-ion batteries and hence (hopefully) to avoid injuries when dealing

with LiB incidents. He has given more than 250 presentations to first responders across the world as well as help and advice on an ad hoc basis. He is the Senior Advisor to the UK National Fire Chiefs Council and serves on a number of UK Government and British Standards Institute working and governance groups. He was the recipient of 2022 Motorola Foundation Knowledge Event Series award from the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council and the 2023 Faraday Institution Public Engagement Award for "Outstanding contributions to communicate our research on battery safety to the wider scientific community, first responders, policy makers and the general public".

PAC holds the Chair of Pure and Applied Electrochemistry at Newcastle University, has over 180 publications in international journals and an H-Index of 56.

PAC feels he is doing something useful for the first time in his 38 year career.



JANE DUNCAN

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Jane Duncan Architects & Interiors Ltd was set up in Little Chalfont, Bucks, in 1992.

The Award-winning practice specialises in high-end residential schemes including sustainable houses, and historic buildings, commercial, education, schools and community buildings, principally throughout the South of England.

Jane campaigns for improved business skills in architecture and won the election for RIBA Presidency in 2014 on a manifesto to increase diversity in the profession.

Awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2018 for services to diversity in the profession, she was made an Honorary Fellow of AIA in 2019.

Jane's current advocacy, post Grenfell, is to influence government fire safety regulations, and improve competence, collaboration, skills and accountability in the construction industry. She:

- Chairs the RIBA Expert Panel on Fire Safety after Grenfell 2017 to present.
- Served as RIBA President from 2015 to 2017.
- Was first RIBA Equality & Diversity Champion from 2012 – 2015.
- Is a founder member of Equilibrium Network, to promote gender diversity at the top of organisations across the built environment.
- Is a founder of YADA, bringing together young architects and developers.
- Is a lecturer in Fire Safety at several UK universities including Manchester.



ANDY FRY OBE

Andy specialises in strategy, performance improvement and governance, working with organisations to support them in achieving excellent outcomes through the application of leading governance practice. He has a strong track record in the fields of organisational change and leadership,

and works as a coach and facilitator to improve the individual and collective performance of people working together in teams and on governance bodies.

Andy has a strong background in leadership and governance himself, having operated at Corporate Director and Chief Fire Officer level in the local government and fire and rescue sectors for over 15-years. He also worked in the Welsh civil service as principal advisor to Welsh Government ministers on fire and rescue policy and is the former Her Majesty's Inspector of Fire Services in Wales.

Andy was made an OBE by Her Late Majesty the Queen in the 2018 New Year Honours, for services to the fire and rescue sector.

Andy brings a wide range of consultancy experience in the housing sector to his role as an associate with Tpas. He has undertaken various reviews to examine issues associated with governance and scrutiny, as well as designing and delivering training and development sessions for the boards of housing providers and resident groups. Andy also has an ongoing role in providing independent support to two tenant representative bodies, and is passionate about ensuring they achieve real impact by positively influencing the governance of the organisations with which they work.



CONOR LOGAN

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Technical Director, Colt International Limited

Conor has worked in the smoke control industry in the UK and Far East since 1987 with extensive knowledge and experience in the design installation and application of smoke control systems, including

pressurization systems.

He currently sits on BSI Committees for Fire Safety, Fire Engineering and Smoke Control along with several European Standards Committees, helping to formulate BS 9991, BS 9999, The new pressurization standards EN 12101-6 & 13, PD 7974-2 and various Smoke Control Association Guidance Documents.

In addition, Conor sits on a number of product standards committees and is currently chair of the CEN committee on Smoke Barriers and the ASFP Task Group on Fire Curtains, he sits on the board of the Construction and Building Services Division of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, is a Director of the Rooflight Association and sits on the Eurolux task forces for smoke ventilation and daylighting.



DR MICHAEL KINSEY is a Chartered Fire Engineer and an Associate Director at Ashton Fire in the UK. He has supported design teams for a range of building types internationally in the UK, Middle East, and China. He specialises in applying understanding/tools and conducting research associated with modelling human behaviour in emergencies to improve

building design. He is an active writer of scientific conference/journal papers associated with evacuation modelling and human behaviour in fire. He is also on the SFPE Human Behaviour task group, co-author of the 2nd Edition of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers Guide to Human Behaviour, and is on the ISO TC92/SC4/WG4 developing international protocols for evacuation model verification/validation. He is also a Visiting Lecturer of the Built Environment at Birmingham City University where he lectures on the BEng Fire Engineering program about human behaviour in fire and evacuation modelling and has also given guest lectures at a number of universities the UK, US, Canada, and China.



ANDREW BULMER

A Fellow of both the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Institute of Residential Property Management, Andrew started his residential PRS and leasehold management practice in 1995, taking on the role of UK Residential Director at RICS in 2013 to 2016, then his CEO role at the Institute of

Residential Property Management (IRPM), the UK's leading body for residential property management professionals. He oversaw IRPM's 2022 merger with the Association of Residential Managing Agents (ARMA), becoming CEO of The Property Institute, the new professional body formed from the merger.

The Property Institute is the UK's leading professional body providing OFQUAL accredited qualification and training for 6,500 professionals, and accreditation for 350 estate management firms, in the residential leasehold and multi-family property management sectors. Andrew is passionate about raising standards across the property management sectors and encouraging property professionals to be a progressive and ethical force for good.



PROF. JIM GLOCKLING

Visiting Professor University of Central Lancashire
Glockling Consulting

Jim Glockling is a Principal Fire Protection Engineer within the Naval Engineering Team of BMT, consultant, and is the current Chair of BSI FSH/16 'Hazards to life from fire'. He has a degree in Chemical Engineering and PhD in nuclear engineering. Following post-doctorate study, he worked as, a lecturer in Chemical Engineering and Fire Safety Engineering, a forensic fire investigator, and ran research laboratories at the Loss Prevention Council (LPC), Building Research Establishment (BRE), and the Fire Protection Association (FPA) where he ran the UK insurance research scheme, RISCAuthority. Jim's principal areas of expertise are in suppression and detection technologies and complex risk mitigation scenarios. Jim is also visiting Professor at the University of Central Lancashire and continues to work promoting resilience with the commercial built environment and maritime sectors.

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GUILLERMO REIN

Professor of Fire Science
Department of Mechanical Engineering -
Faculty of Engineering

Guillermo is Professor of Fire Science at the Department of Mechanical Engineering of Imperial College London, and Editor-in-Chief of the journal Fire Technology. He is Fellow of the Combustion Institute. His research is centred on heat transfer, combustion and fire, by the combination of lab experiments and computer models. The purpose of his work is to reduce the worldwide burden of accidental fires and protect people, their property, and the environment.

His research portfolio is ample, but over the last 20 years he is best known in three areas: 1) how synthetic polymers and wood ignite so we can prevent fires from starting; 2) how modern materials respond to fire so engineers can design better structures; and 3) how wildfires spread so rural communities can be protected.

He created and leads the research group Imperial Hazelab where he has supervised 16 postdocs and graduated 24 PhD students, 11 of whom have become academics. The group is funded by a wide range of international sponsors, most notably Arup, EPSRC, NIST, H2020 and the European Research Council. Hazelab has been prolific at publishing their work in more than 200 journal papers (Google h-index 62) collecting over 11k citations.



BEN LEVY

BEd, BEng, MIFireE

Ben Levy is a highly experienced senior manager at Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service.

During his 28-year career as a firefighter and officer he has gained significant operational experience.

He has held a wide range of leadership positions, with a primary focus on operational command, safety, technical advice, assurance, and research and development.

As the strategic lead for Fires in Tall Buildings at the National Fire Chiefs Council, he is focussed on advancing techniques and procedures for firefighting, rescue and evacuation in respect of tall buildings. His primary concern is the safety of both firefighters and affected occupants.

Ben recognises that a legacy of design, construction and build issues continue to create a significant challenge to Fire and Rescue Service responders. In response, he continually emphasises the importance of outstanding levels of preparedness for, and response to, fires in tall buildings.

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TOM ROCHE is a Principal Consultant within the International Codes Group for FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers. Based in the UK, Tom works to share FM Global's knowledge and expertise to support thinking on resilience in building codes and loss prevention standards.

Tom has served in a variety of engineering and engineering management roles across the UK and within Europe since joining FM Global in 1993. He has travelled extensively to support clients across the world to establish loss prevention policies and implement risk strategies all aimed at improving the resilience of their businesses to property risks.

Tom is the current Policy Director within the Fire Sector Federation Tom working to shape thinking towards a National Strategic View for Fire Safety. Tom is also active within the fire protection community promoting the use automatic fire suppression through his work with the Business Sprinkler Alliance.



MICHAEL BRÜCKMANN

M.Eng.

Michael Brückmann is the head of the Operations Department, Professional Fire Brigade, Volunteer Fire Brigade and Control Center in Frankfurt am Main. In his previous Role he was the head of the Preventive Fire Protection Department. He performs his duties

as the highest operational leader in the city of Frankfurt. He is a dedicated professional in fire safety and civil engineering, known for his leadership in both professional and volunteer fire brigades.



JONAS SCHWERING

M.Eng.

Jonas Schwering is the head of Preventive fire protection department at Frankfurt am Main fire department. He performs his duties as the highest operational leader in the city of Frankfurt. He also chairs the Hesse State Fire Service Association's Preventive Fire Protection

Committee and thus represents the interests of the Hesse fire departments with regard to preventive fire protection in Germany. He studied civil engineering in the field of structural engineering in Darmstadt, Germany. His field of research is fire protection in high-rise buildings and how fire prevention works there.

The expertise of Michael and Jonas has significantly contributed to the enhancement of fire protection standards in Frankfurt am Main.



IAN DONCASTER

BTech MPhil MBA CEng MIMechE
Managing Director
Fire And Smoke Solutions Ltd

- 35 years experience in smoke ventilation, M&E and facilities management.

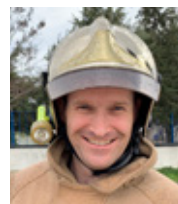
- Has designed and delivered numerous high-profile projects throughout the UK covering Residential, Commercial, Healthcare, Infrastructure, Custodial & Retail developments.
- Represents the IMechE on BSI FSH/25 fire safety committee and am actively involved in the development of British Standards
- Represents the BSI as UK expert on European standards committee CEN TC191 SC1
- Active member of the Smoke Control Association contributing to the development of standards and guidance.



FIONA CRITCHLEY

Fiona has worked in the fire industry for over 20 years and on a number of technical committees for fire safety products, including representing the Fire Industry Association; BSI working committee BS8629:2019+A1:2023 for Evacuation Alert Panels; the Special Interest Group for the FIA/NFCC Code

of Practice for Premises Information Boxes in Residential Buildings and she chairs the Timber Doorsets Group for the Door & Hardware Federation. She has co-authored the publication: 'A Guide for Selecting Flat Entrance Doorsets, a publication for housing associations, landlords, building owners and local authorities in England,' produced jointly by the DHF, Secured by Design and the FIA. Fiona is currently Head of Communications for Gerda Security Products, leading British manufacturer of multi-performance fire doorsets and specialists in Emergency Access Systems.



KAREL LAMBERT

Karel has been a firefighter for 22 years. He is a major with the Brussels Fire Department where he is in charge of 3rd platoon (250 firefighters) during his 24h shifts and also works as chief of the training department. He also works as a volunteer sergeant in the fire department that protects his home town.

Karel's main interest is firefighting. He strongly believes that more science should be involved. He tries to improve the quality of firefighter training programs. Karel participated in training programs in the 15 countries all over the world to gather knowledge that could be spread in the firefighting community. He is a member of International Fire Instructor Workshop (IFIW) since 2010. He taught 46 times abroad in 17 different countries.

He combines a degree in civil engineering with another one in fire safety engineering (IMFSE) for which he studied in Belgium, Sweden and the UK. He has a degree in occupational safety & health and recently enrolled in a Bachelor of Psychology as a part-time student. Karel is a guest professor at Ghent University and carried out scientific research into the use of PPV fans and search & rescue.

Karel is a (co-)author of four books and 100 articles and papers about fire and firefighting.



AMANDA LONG

Chief Executive, Construction Product Information Ltd – The not-for-profit organisation set-up to guard, manage and assess conformance with the Code for Construction Product Information (CCPI)

Amanda brings a wealth of expertise driving ethical business practice and championing consumer protection.

With 25 years professional experience nationally and internationally, Amanda brings not for profit and private sector experience including working within a global charity championing consumer and public protection and national not-for-profit voluntary standard setting organisations for the built environment including in the past, the Considerate Constructors Scheme, Building a Safer Future Charter and now, in current post leading the Code for Construction Product Information (CCPI).

CCPI is a critical initiative working to raise standards in product information management and moving the industry to a place where there is greater confidence in construction product information and marketing. The CCPI Assessment process includes a crucial focus on the leadership, culture and ethics of manufacturers and suppliers wishing to register to work with the Code. Registration with CCPI commits manufacturers and suppliers to continual improvement of product information and marketing.



MARK HARDINGHAM QFSM

Chair - National Fire Chiefs Council

The National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) is the professional voice of the UK fire and rescue service and the membership body for all 50 UK fire and rescue services, Chief Fire Officers and senior managers. Mark was elected into the role of the NFCC Chair

in April 2021 and serves until 2025.

Mark provides professional advice to Government, the Home Secretary and the Minister with responsibility for the fire and rescue service. He works closely with the Government's inspectorate of the fire and rescue service, national employers and other national and international fire service bodies.

Mark has been extensively involved in advising and supporting Government, fire services and other fire partners on all issues associated with the Grenfell Tower fire and subsequent national Inquiry.

Mark began his fire service career 33 years ago in Essex and served across many fire stations and in many roles. He was appointed as the Deputy Chief Fire Officer in Suffolk in 2010 and then Chief Fire Officer and County Council Director from 2013 to 2020.



SAM BRYANT holds a master's degree in Structural Engineering and Fire Safety from the University of Edinburgh and began her fire engineering career with OFR consultants in 2020.

Specialising in fire engineering, Sam has contributed her knowledge to a diverse array of projects, including residential, office, commercial, and institutional projects

in England, Scotland and Wales.

Sam has an interest in fire engineering research that has the ability to enhance existing industry practices, with a specific interest in fire safety during construction, completing her master's thesis on this topic.

The paper "A Survey of Fire Loads on Private Residential Balconies in England", published in Fire Technology in July 2023, won the SFPE UK's 'Fire Research Project' award in 2023, with the judges calling it "a very interesting project" and that it "addresses a clear design and engineering need", adding that its data was valuable.



JASON HULL

TIFIREE, MICPEM

Firefighter, now Senior Fire Rescue Officer/ Instructor with over 20 years of international operational fire-fighting experience in High Rise, Industrial, Technical Rescue and High Risk Hostile Operations.

Afghanistan for six tours fire rescue as structural lead including response, medivacs, and local firefighter development. Asses Advise Train mission Ukraine with long term EU integration. United Arab Emirate, leading a Rapid Intervention and Technical Rescue Unit. UK Fire Service College: Recruits, Breathing Apparatus, Compartment Behaviour Fire Training, and Road Traffic Collision Instructor. UK Military base Fire Rescue Commander. International Fire Chief, Middle East. Returning to Ukraine at the beginning of the war, Humanitarian Assistance Civil Protection. NFPA & FEMA certified. Tall Building Fire Safety course graduate. Institute of Fire Engineers Technical Member. Institute of Civil Protection & Emergency Management Member.

Currently in Ukraine providing Technical Assistance, firefighting tactics (including Electric vehicles), rescue (MPV) training, medical training, USAR, mass evacuation coordination, bomb shelter & CBRNE preparation, partnership working, post incident recovery planning, lecturing at Ukrainian fire rescue universities and finally mentoring new IFE members in there IFE Ukraine Branch creation.

My ethos... Listen, Think, Communicate, Teamwork and Be kind.



MIKE SPEARPOINT is currently the Research Leader at OFR Consultants. He began his career at the Fire Research Station which was part of BRE at that time. Between 1997 and 1999 he did his Master's in Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland. Then in 1999 Mike took up an academic position at the University of Canterbury in New

Zealand where he completed his PhD and eventually became the director of the fire engineering programme.

Since joining OFR in 2017 he has been working on research arising from the Grenfell Tower fire along with other commercial projects. He maintains connections with various academic institutions through the co-supervision of students, collaborative research and guest teaching.

Mike has contributed to over 250 publications on a wide range of fire science and engineering topics including active systems, human behaviour, fire and smoke modelling, vehicles fires, etc.

Mike has just been made a Fellow of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), he is also a Chartered Engineer through the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE) and is an adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Canterbury.



PAUL BUSSEY

RIBA, FIFIREE, FASFP, IMAPS

Paul is an architect with 40 years experience of architectural practice including job running experience and consultancy. He has developed a technical expertise in the application of all types of building related legislation and constructional guidance.

He represents AHMM Architects Technical Consulting team providing solutions and regulatory compliance to assist project teams to meet their statutory and contractual obligations on all projects.

Paul is particularly interested in how regulations in all "people risk" areas of architecture including fire, safety, and health, integrate with day to day project risk management especially at design stages, in a proportionate manner.

He was involved with the HSE's development of the CDM 2007 and 2015 regulations on behalf of the RIBA. He was a member of the HSE IICC & BS 8671 PD Committees, Chair of both the CONIAC KPWC & CIC Health & Safety Committee, DLUHC Alternative Escape Steering Group and a current member of the RIBA Fire Expert Advisory Group, and assisting their delivery of the previous and forthcoming Principal Designer Course.



ADAM BRIGGS

Adam's career has spanned 18 years within fire safety sector, since graduating in 2006 from the University of Central Lancashire. Prior to returning to the UK in 2020, Adam lived and worked in the Middle East, working in fire engineering, code compliance, fire safety management and fire training in various sectors

including aviation, business, healthcare and residential. Adam has delivered projects around the world, including the Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Kenya, and Saudi Arabia. Adam's involvement in projects extends throughout the life of a building, from design concepts, detailed design, through to construction, handover and the day-to-day operation of buildings.

Adam is currently responsible for Citizen Housing's response to the recent changes in housing fire safety. Adam and his team are currently preparing a portfolio of 36 Building Safety Case reports, as part of the Building Assessment Certificate application. This includes, drafting the reports, cross-referencing data held as part of the Golden Thread and creating/maintaining the Action Plans for each of Citizens HRBs.



COLIN TODD

MBE, MSc, MIRM, MSFPE, FIFSM, CPhys, FInstP, C Build E, FCABE, CEng, FIFireE, FIET

Colin is Managing Director of C.S. Todd & Associates Limited (CSTA), which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2022.

Colin serves on a number of BSI Committees, is a Board member of the Fire Industry Association (FIA) and Chairman of the FIA Fire Risk Assessment Council. For 18 years he chaired the Institution of Fire Engineers Panel that is responsible for the IFE Register of Fire Risk Assessors, and is now Vice Chairman of the panel. He is also a Vice President of the Institute of Fire Safety Managers (IFSM).

CSTA have been awarded two Home Office contracts to draft guidance that is supporting major changes to fire legislation in England.

Colin was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours List 2020 for his contribution to fire safety in the UK.

In 2021, Colin was awarded the Margaret Law Award by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. This award recognises individuals who have pioneered advancements associated with the engineering fire safety of the built environment.

In November 2022, the Fire Industry Association awarded Colin with their annual Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious award is made each year for a person who has made a major contribution to the fire safety profession over their career.

In June 2024, The National Association of Healthcare Fire Officers (NAHFO) awarded Colin their National Award for Innovation in the Field of Healthcare Fire Safety.



SIR KEN KNIGHT

CBE QFSM DL FIFireE

Sir Ken held the positions of Chief Fire Officer of Dorset and West Midlands Fire Services before being appointed as the London Fire Commissioner in 2001.

In 2007 he was appointed as the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser for England, responsible for advising

UK Government Ministers and senior officials on fire policy matters, major emergencies and fire safety enforcement in Crown Premises.

Sir Ken has authored a number of reviews for the UK Government and overseas and he continues to provide advice to both the public and private sector.

Following the tragedy at Grenfell Tower in 2017, Sir Ken was appointed as the Chair of the Independent Expert Advisory Panel to advise Government on the immediate measures needed to ensure that fire safety of residents of high rise buildings, a role he continued until 2024.

Sir Ken Chairs the strategic Fire Committee at BSI and is a Companion of the Chartered Management Institute and a Fellow of the Institution of Fire Engineers.

In 1991 Sir Ken was awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal and the CBE in 2001. Her Majesty the Queen Knighted Sir Ken in 2006 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the fire and rescue service.



BEN BLACKWOOD is an Engineer focussed on the technical management of challenging high-rise construction projects, including HRBs and the Skypool. Specialising in building safety risk management, Ben is experienced in all phases of project life-cycle. Understanding the needs to construction and asset

management data users has been key to the successful delivery of challenging projects from Planning to asset management.

London Construction Specialist of the Year 2022 and active Member of the IMechE and IFE, Ben has shared learning and tools on the subject of the Golden Thread and building safety risk management.



GARY R STRONG

BSc (Hons) FRICS FCI Arb C.BuildE FCABE FCILA FUEDI-ELAE

Global Director of Building Standards, RICS – Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Chair - International Fire Safety Standards (IFSS) Coalition

Chair - CTBUH Fire & Life Safety Committee

Qualified as a Chartered Building Surveyor, Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Loss Adjuster and Chartered Building Engineer, and has practised as a surveyor, building engineer, expert witness and arbitrator for over 40 years. Highlights of a successful career are the landmark House of Lords case of Delaware Mansions (Flecksun Ltd) –v- City of Westminster and the Heathrow Tunnel collapse project. Has spent most of his career as a building surveyor, leading teams investigating fires and building safety collapses, inspecting refurbishing and rebuilding post-fire, and building pathology incorporating latest best practice. Is particularly experienced in managing fire safety in buildings, and upgrading/refurbishing to modern codes.

Currently responsible for developing international standards and guidance for 135,000 RICS professionals globally in 137 countries and is RICS media spokesman on professional & technical surveying subjects. He has appeared on many international tv channels including BBC One Show, BBC and commercial radio, and overseas tv and radio channels.



MONIMA HARRISON is an award-winning risk professional with over 20 years' health, safety, quality, environment and fire safety experience across various industry sectors including real estate and built environment, construction, facilities management, Oil and Gas, education, consultancy, and manufacturing. He is a Chartered Fellow of the Institution of

Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH). He holds a Bachelor degree in Marine Engineering and a Master's degree in Safety, Health and Environmental Management with Distinction. He also holds a NEBOSH Construction certificate with Distinction and NEBOSH HSE Certificate in Health and Safety Leadership Excellence.

He has managed diverse teams across 3 continents, adept at culture and purpose alignment. He knows and understands how to provide best value, strategic and operational leadership in health safety, quality and environment management at different levels. He is currently Director – Health Safety and Wellbeing (HSW) for Canary Wharf Group where he is leading the construction and management teams responsible for supporting, advising, guiding, and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of CWG Staff, Tenants, Occupiers, contractors, general public, business interests and assets.



PAUL HAYLES is the Associate Director of Fire & Life Safety at Canary Wharf Group. He currently oversees the implementation of the outcomes of the building safety act along with management of H&S compliance across the business. Paul's background includes a 30 year career with LFB as an operational firefighter and he has served in operations and

specialist roles up to station commander. His interests include accident investigation and during his career he has attended several high-profile fires at HRBs and reviewed investigations at others during his posting as a senior accident investigator in LFB. Since 2015 Paul has focussed on H&S and Fire Safety in education, justice and immigration and social housing before his current role

Speaker Profiles



ANDY SLATER

Founder and CEO, Sol Safety Europe Limited

With over 35 years of experience in the safety industry, Andy Slater is a highly regarded leader and expert in fire safety. As the founder and CEO of Sol Safety Europe, he has dedicated his career to enhancing safety standards and practices across

various sectors. Former Group Fire Risk Manager at Land securities. An award-winning fire safety officer, Andy is known for his innovative approaches and commitment to excellence.

He serves as a council member of the Institute of Fire Safety Managers (IFSM) and possesses extensive experience in film production safety working on iconic films and the Social housing sector and NHS. His contributions to the field have significantly advanced fire safety protocols and training, making him a pivotal figure in ensuring the safety of communities and workplaces alike.

Andy Slater (MIFSM, Tier 3 IFSM NAFRAR, FS Dip)



PETER REID FIC

Peter Reid is President of the National Association of Ductwork Specialists, CEO of the Moonset group which includes Overclean LTD, AEME Ltd & NAADUK Training Academy.

Peter has been in the ductwork industry for over 40 years, operating one of the first ductwork cleaning companies in the UK. An expert in all areas of duct

work and fire damper installation, testing and maintenance.

Peter is regularly consulted on issues in the industry and has been involved in the creation of TR17, TR19, the Green Book, NAAD-21: Air & Grease & NAAD-22: Fire Dampers amongst many others.



IAN MOORE

Ian Moore is the Chief Executive Officer of the Fire Industry Association (FIA). The FIA, with over 1,200 member companies, is a not-for-profit trade association with the aim of promoting the professional status of the UK fire safety industry. As Europe's largest trade association for the fire

protection industry, the FIA's main objective is to promote the professional standards of the fire industry through close liaison and lobbying with Government and key organisations in the industry. The FIA reinvests any profit into research projects with the aim of improving public safety. In addition, the FIA trains over 8,000 engineers per year to a Nationally recognised level.



ANDY TURNER

UK Business Development Manager, C-TEC

Andy has been working in the fire industry for 30 years. He began his career building and repairing fire panels and static inverters at JSB/Cooper before becoming Apollo's Northern Sales Manager. He spent eight years specialising in fire detection before joining

C-TEC in 2012 as a Fire Account Manager and was promoted to UK Business Development Manager in 2021. In his spare time, he volunteers at Cheshire FRS and runs a cadet unit for 12–18-year-olds.



CLAIRE NORMAN

Claire's career has spanned almost 20 years across the commercial and retail sector and social housing, working for Savills, Workman LLP and Land Securities and as Head of Fire, Health and Safety Compliance at Enfield Homes, Tower Hamlets Homes, Westminster Council and numerous Housing Associations.

Currently working as a Senior Fire Safety Surveyor with the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, Claire is responsible for managing 96 high rise buildings and 33 sheltered housing properties within an 11,000 strong property portfolio.

Claire specialises in viewing a property's fire safety management system from a practical risk and operational perspective and implementing appropriate control measures from a cause-and-effect viewpoint, and the effective management of fire risk assessment actions.

She is passionate about the implementation of Person-Centred Fire Risk Assessments (PCFRAs) and PEEPs; the development of holistically driven fire safety strategies; the design, commissioning and installation of appropriate fire alarm systems and implementing lessons learnt from internal and external fire investigations.



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