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The background of the slide features a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. On the right side, a portion of a tall, light-colored stone tower is visible, showing intricate architectural details and a spire at the top.

The London Work at Height Seminar provides opportunity for our industry to collaborate in the interest of occupational health and wellbeing, safety awareness, best practice and knowledge sharing; and to demonstrate a variety of work at height methodologies and industry innovations.

The event is aimed at all professionals who have an interest in working at height within the City of London, and beyond, including local government authorities, procurement professionals, health and safety professionals, building and facilities managers and many more.



A photograph of the London skyline at dusk or night. The foreground shows the River Thames with some boats. The middle ground features several modern office buildings, including the distinctive curved glass facade of the City Hall and the tall, illuminated skyscraper known as The Shard. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting twilight.

ORGANISED BY



The London Work at Height Seminar (LWAHS) is principally organised by IRATA International. IRATA is an acronym for the Industrial Rope Access Trade Association. IRATA's rope access system is a safe method of working at height, where ropes and associated equipment are used to gain access to and from the work position, and to be supported there.

Supporting and providing guidance to users of their rope access system worldwide – whether or not IRATA members – IRATA promotes the sharing of knowledge and best practice through collaboration. Accordingly, IRATA's informative publications, including their International Code Of Practice (ICOP) and Training, Assessment and Certification Scheme (TACS), are freely available from their website. Working closely with regulators and legislators around the globe, IRATA strives to continually improve and share industry best practice and to promote and maintain high standards, safety, work quality and working practices for the industrial rope access industry, through their educational publications and a programme of international technical events and seminars. IRATA are extremely proud to work alongside the dedicated professionals at the City of London Corporation, who have supported the LWAHS from the outset.



The City of London Corporation is proud to support the fourth LWAHS, celebrating success within the City and beyond.

The City of London Corporation acts as a leader and champion in many spheres, driving excellence in areas that include occupational health and wellbeing. It engages with others to holistically add value, share resources, embed good practices and develop behaviours.

The City of London Corporation's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is based on the principle of deploying resources where they will have the biggest impact on improving health, safety and wellbeing outcomes. It provides a framework to enable colleagues, partners and other stakeholders to make unique contributions to the delivery of its corporate outcomes. The City should be more than just a safe place. The City of London Corporation strives to positively influence the health of everyone who lives and works in the City, enabling them to live healthy lives and promoting strong and empowered groups of individuals, who are motivated to drive positive change within their communities and businesses.

The background image shows the iconic Palace of Westminster and the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben) across the River Thames. The sky is clear and blue. A green arch bridge is visible in the lower portion of the frame.

GUEST SPEAKERS



ALISON THEWLISS MP

APPG FOR WORKING AT HEIGHT

Alison Thewliss was elected to serve the people of Glasgow Central in May 2015. She is the SNP Spokesperson for Cities in the House of Commons. Prior to her election as an MP, she served as Glasgow Councillor for the Calton Ward in the East End.

Alison was the Glasgow SNP Council Group's spokesperson on Land and Environmental Services, and she takes a keen interest in improving local government and democracy.

She is a member of Scottish CND, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Working at Height and believes passionately in the scrapping of nuclear weapons.

JO-ANNE MICHAEL

HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE

Jo-Anne is an inspector with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), working in the construction sector safety team. She joined the HSE in 1999 and has undertaken operational roles inspecting, investigating and enforcing health and safety matters in a variety of industries with a wide range of duty holders from the very small scale construction contractor to multi-national operators of petrochemical plants.

Her current areas of responsibility include the very broad topic 'working at height' which involves working with stakeholder groups to influence improvements in standards and to also provide advice to construction colleagues about industry practices and enforcement benchmarks. She is a member of the CONIAC 'Managing Risk Well' Work at Height sub-group and inputted into guidance produced to help enable a broader understanding of the key general work at height messages and highlighting 'trusted' sources of guidance.



TOBY THORP

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER –
CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION

Toby is a Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner working at the City of London Corporation. Originally hailing from the West Midlands, he started out in a commercial environmental health role covering, amongst other categories, food safety and noise before moving to London in 2007 to join the health and safety team at the City of London Corporation. Toby is passionate about common sense safety and is keen for regulators, practitioners and operators alike to play a role in breaking down some of the paperwork walls that health & safety has accidentally built.

He is a Primary Authority Partner for several large organisations, has contributed to a number of national health and safety guidance documents, represents Local Authorities on the Legionella Control Association Management Committee, the Leisure Expert Panel, the Cleaning Industry Liaison Forum and is a member of the CIEH Health & Safety Advisory Panel.



THOMAS KRAMER
P.E., C.S.P. - PRINCIPAL, LJB INC.

Thomas Kramer is a safety consultant and structural engineer with 23 years of experience. As a dually registered professional engineer and certified safety professional, he has spent much of his career consulting with clients to reduce risk for workers at heights. He specialises in the assessment and design of fall protection systems, as well as fall protection programme development. He is widely considered as a thought leader in the fall protection industry, having given more than 200 technical sessions and workshops on the topic.

Mr. Kramer is Chair of the ANSI Z359 Committee that develops fall protection standards, and Chairs two subcommittees (ANSI Z359.1 and .17). He also serves as the president of the International Society for Fall Protection.



PETER BENNETT OBE

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PASMA

Peter Bennett is managing director of PASMA, the not-for-profit organisation representing the international mobile access tower industry, executive director of the Ladder Association, and Chair of the Access Industry Forum (AIF), the forum for the principal trade associations and federations involved in work at height and height safety.

Peter sits on a number of UK and international safety-related committees and is Chair of the trustees of the No Falls Foundation, a registered UK charity dedicated to preventing falls from height and helping people affected by the lifechanging consequences of a fall. Peter was instrumental in establishing the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Working at Height which is currently investigating serious injuries and fatalities while working at height.



MICHELLE YORKE

CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION

Michelle Yorke is an experienced Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner at the City of London Corporation. She specialises in health and safety enforcement work and is a lead regulator for a number of large UK businesses as part of the government's Primary Authority Partnership Scheme. She is passionate about promoting proportionate and risk-based safety management and offers support and advice to businesses in the practical application of 'real world' risk assessment and risk mitigation methods, which are both safe and legally compliant. Michelle headed up the City's 'Height Safe' programme 2013 – 2019 with the key aim of raising awareness of safer working solutions for work at height.



ANTHONY OWEN

COLLEGE OF POLICING

Anthony is a police officer with 32 years' experience in strategic and operational public order management and planning, national inspection and evaluation, training and development. For the

past four years he was the National Tactical Public Order and Public Safety curriculum standards manager at the College of Policing.

His key responsibilities included:

- Seconded as national expert to manage, review and evolve tactical elements of National Police Public Order Training Curriculum; scoped and assessed opportunities for public order training programmes globally;
- Inspected compliance and consistency of tactical applications within police areas;
- Management and coordination of operational policing events and incidents in challenging circumstances;
- Mentoring and training local officers;
- Implementing tactical procedures;
- Establishing and developing professional relationships with government departments, police forces and partner agencies throughout the UK.



DAVE ELLIS

BSC (HONS)

Dave Ellis is the Technical, Products & Contracts Officer at Lyon Equipment Ltd, responsible for the certification and technical compliance of Lyon's products. Dave also looks after major civil and government contracts held with Lyon.

Dave's background consists of being a Planning Engineer in the construction industry before moving into rope access in 1993. Combining his skills as a caver, climber and his extensive knowledge of building fabrics, a career was formed working on many building and civil engineering projects from designing and fitting countless eyebolts and a wide variety of safety systems (including the London Eye), finding leaks on high rise buildings, running teams of rope access technicians and diving supervisors to carry out complex inspections both offshore and onshore.

Dave is a member, or Chairman, of a number of British and European standards' committees, and has been instrumental in the development of the latest versions of BS 8610 and BS 7883.



MARIOS PITSLALIS

HEAD OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AT CBRE

Marios has a NEBOSH National Diploma with over 15 years experience working in the health & safety sector of property assets and facilities management. He specialises in facilities management soft services, engineering and statutory compliance.



PAUL RODDIS

TRAINING MANAGER AT THE INTERNATIONAL POWERED ACCESS FEDERATION (IPAF)



STEVE BOOKER

TRAINING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AT THE LADDER ASSOCIATION

Steve is a Council member, committee member and Lead Instructor of the Ladder Association and PASMA.

He is regarded as one of the leading Instructors within the access industry. Steve provides strategic leadership, active management, and takes particular responsibility for service and instructor standards.

Paul has over 20 years industry experience and is a Senior Instructor and Assessor for multiple work at height organisations. He has also represented on the IPAF Training Committee, the PASMA Training Committee and the Ladder Association Training Committee.

Paul is a member of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), the Association for Learning Technology (ALT) and the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).

A nighttime photograph of the London skyline. In the foreground, the illuminated Millennium Bridge stretches across the River Thames. Behind it, the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral is a prominent feature against the dark sky. Other buildings, including the Royal Exchange and the Gherkin, are visible in the background under a deep orange sunset.

SUPPORTED BY

ACCESS INDUSTRY FORUM

The Access Industry Forum (AIF) is the forum for the principal trade associations and federations involved in work at height. Each organisation represents a different sector of the access industry and fosters and supports codes of good practice, equipment standards, training, education and knowledge.



The Association of Technical
Lightning & Access Specialists



A wide-angle, low-angle night photograph of a modern urban plaza. In the foreground, a large, dark, angular sculpture sits on a paved area. To the right, a building's ground floor is a glass-enclosed restaurant or bar where several people are visible. A fountain with multiple jets of water is on the right side of the frame. The background features a series of modern buildings with extensive glass facades; one building has a curved, undulating facade. The sky is dark with some clouds. The overall atmosphere is sophisticated and contemporary.

EXHIBITORS



PROGRAMME

TIME	ORGANISATION - SUBJECT	SPEAKER
09:00 - 09:50	Welcome refreshments and registration	
09:50 - 10:00	Opening City of London Corporation	Justin Tyas and Paul Roberts
10:00 - 10:25	APPG for Working at Height	Alison Thewliss MP
10:30 - 10:55	Getting your bearings: a cartographical case study City of London Corporation	Toby Thorp
11:00 - 11:25	Lessons learned and best practice from the U.S. LJB Inc.	Thomas Kramer
11:30 - 11:55	Perceptions, attitudes and behaviours of smaller businesses in the construction sector Health and Safety Executive	Jo-Anne Michael
12:00 - 12:25	Attaching the worker to the structure - an update on anchor standards for manufacture, system design, installation, use and inspection Lyon Equipment	Dave Ellis
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch and technical demonstrations	

TIME	ORGANISATION - SUBJECT	SPEAKER
13:35 - 14:00	Protest at height: Are you prepared for the challenges this activity represents? College of Policing	Anthony Owen
14:05 - 14:30	Forum activities Access Industry Forum	Peter Bennett OBE
14:35 - 14:55	Reaching new heights in work at height supply chains City of London Corporation	Michelle Yorke
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break and technical demonstrations	
15:35 - 15:50	Facilities management challenges - working at height CBRE	Marios Pitsialis
15:55 - 16:10	Managing work at height with M.E.W.P.s International Powered Access Federation	Paul Roddis
16:15 - 16:30	Get a grip on using ladders The Ladder Association	Steve Booker



THE VENUE

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THE VENUE: GUILDHALL, LONDON

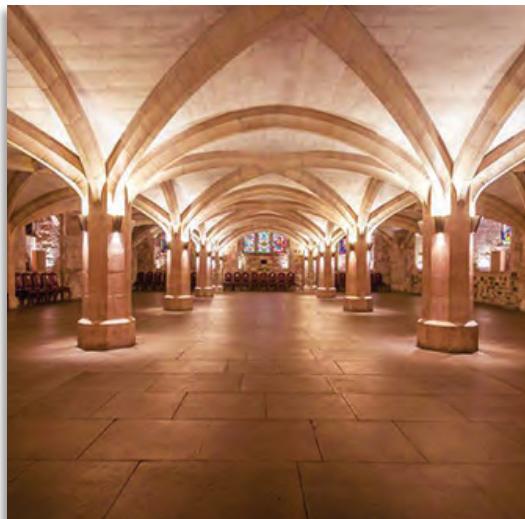
An enduring symbol of London's past and present, Guildhall remains an extraordinary setting. Steeped in tradition, Guildhall invites guests on a journey spanning more than 800 years - from the Gothic grandeur of the Great Hall to the largest surviving medieval crypts in London. Home to the City of London Corporation, Guildhall is a remarkable backdrop to national celebrations, corporate entertainment and major conferences.

The LWAHS 2019 presentations will be held in the Livery Hall, with its fine Victorian Gothic features. Designed by Sir Horace Jones, the Grade II listed Livery Hall was built between 1870 and 1873. Equipped with modern facilities and coloured lighting which beautifully illuminates the architecture, the Livery Hall is

a characterful and versatile function area providing an ideal space to host major public and private conferences.

Attendees will be able to network and gain insightful advice and information from the LWAHS exhibitors, situated in the West and East Crypts. Dating back to Edward the Confessor (1042) and divided into two rooms, the East and West Crypts are equally atmospheric, yet completely different in style, providing a striking and atmospheric space.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of London Corporation for its continued support in hosting this event.





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