

#### **KEEPING YOU SAFE AND PROTECTED**

Creating environments free from accident, harm and ill health by improving knowledge, understanding and practices through H&S consulting and training.





Hello and welcome to our Spring newsletter. In this issue we want to introduce our two new team members; Aaron and Jo. Aaron is working alongside Adi, while Jo is office based supporting Annette.

ENSURE is based on our customers being at the heart of everything we do, valuing and developing their systems and personnel to help build a platform for sustainable growth. We consider ourselves very lucky to have such a loyal customer base, spread across many industries including manufacturing, food manufacturing (both human and animals), construction, trades, schools and nurseries, Doctors' surgeries, offices to name but a few.

From the outset there have been a number of things that have been especially important to us, this includes:

- providing great customer service
  - delivering high quality training
- providing a great place to work

We are delighted to have been able to provide support to our clients, old and new, throughout what, for some, has been a very difficult period.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your support to date.

**Adi and Annette** 



# **OUR ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMERSHIPS INCLUDE:**

















# CASE STUDY: OWL Projects and Maintenance The Challenge

OWL Projects and Maintenance are a busy, growing industrial and commercial construction company. They needed support with everything health, safety and training related and were faced with the challenge of employing someone full time, finding the salary and the ever increasing training costs. One of their suppliers suggested speaking to ENSURE before heading down that route, they knew that we would be able to assist with everything that was needed.

### The Approach

Adi initially met with Alison Kershaw to discuss their requirements. Having listened to the challenges presenting OWL, Adi explained how ENSURE could support them and their growth moving forwards. Alison was impressed not just with Adi's expertise but also his professionalism.

Over the last seven years, ENSURE'S involvement with OWL has grown and grown; we now oversee everything that's needed with regards to H&S including all of their training; first aid, working at height, asbestos awareness, HAVS and fire marshal.

ENSURE takes care of all the health and safety paperwork, accreditations, the training matrix etc at least one day a week. Adi now has his own desk in the office!

We visit OWL's sites, wherever they are, and complete audits for their clients to view.

#### The Outcome

We are fundamental part of Team OWL, providing peace of mind and reassurance that we are keeping them safe and compliant.

We are particularly proud to be supporting OWL with the Management of Installation at Polymers 2 in Bristol; what will be the largest recycling plant in the world.

"Ensure are a fundamental support to us and I don't see how we would cope without their back up." Alison Kershaw.

**PROJECTS** 

"One earnest worker can do more by personal suggestion to prevent accidents than a carload of safety signs."

Making Paper, E. R. Brown









# FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS AND FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

The sole piece of legislation for fire safety issues, The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 came into force in October 2006. Under the Reform Order, the "responsible person" for the premises must carry out a Fire Risk Assessment. This will identify what you need to do to prevent fire and keep people safe. ENSURE can complete your annual Fire Risk Assessments in line with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The areas we cover are:

- -Identifying sources of ignition, fuel and oxygen
- -Identifying who could be harmed
- -Assessing precautions and escape routes
- -Viewing inspection records
- -Identifying relevant cost-effective precautions to control and reduce risks.

A detailed report of our findings is provided.



Businesses, Doctors' surgeries and schools should appoint an Emergency Controller; someone who has attended a Fire Warden/ Marshal course and who has responsibility for all aspects of fire safety. For example, there should be Fire Wardens/ Marshalls who are responsible for specific areas of the premises e.g. the kitchen area, staff area, office, assembly point.

Additionally, all school staff should receive Fire Safety awareness training to enable them to assist with the safe evacuation of pupils in an emergency.



Topics covered on our FIRE WARDEN courses

- fire triangle
- role of a fire warden
- hazards of the workplace
  - raising the alarm
    - evacuation
  - designated persons
  - collating information
- fire extinguisher classification
- extinguisher practical session

Certification valid for 3 years.

We regularly run open Fire Warden courses at our training room in Nantwich

Alternatively, we can deliver sessions at your premises or surgery, for schools, Twi-lights and INSETS can be accommodated.

### WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE RECENTLY ONBOARDED:











We are delighted to introduce Aaron Mason, our new H&S Consultant and Trainer. Aaron comes with a wealth of experience in both the woodworking and chemical industries. He is looking forward to developing his skills further as a Consultant and will be supporting Adi in managing our diverse range of clients; old and new. As cliché as it sounds, Aaron enjoys helping people stay safe and healthy! He's seen the effects of poor and negligent H&S first hand, specifically the effects it can have on lives.

Aaron and his fiance have 3 dogs, a Labrador, French Bulldog and Pug — they enjoy sharing long walks in the peak district. Aaron is into sports, he particularly enjoys football and rugby, so playing and watching takes up a lot of his spare time. Aside from that, he and Kathryn are very much into horses and between them have a healthy little herd; with a new foal due later on in the year.



Jo Hopkinson began working for her previous employer when she was 16, this is where Adi and Annette first met her. Twenty four years later we're delighted to welcome her to the team. Having worked in the training department for the past 14 years, Jo brings lots of experience with her. She recognises the importance of keeping records up to date, and this is something she's passionate about.

Most of Jo's time is taken caring for her 13 year old autistic son. In her spare time she enjoys taking him on walks to Delamere Forrest with a picnic, being out in the forest gives him enough space to enjoy himself freely.

Jo would love to visit New York to explore the American lifestyle, food, culture and the glitz and glamour.



WHILST ADI HAS BEEN AN IOSH TRAINER FOR MANY YEARS, WE ARE THRILLED THAT ENSURE SAFETY & TRAINING IS NOW AN ACCREDITED IOSH TRAINING CENTRE.

WE WILL REGULARLY BE DELIVERING MANAGING SAFELY COURSES AT OUR
TRAINING ROOM IN NANTWICH.
ALTERNATIVELY, IF YOU HAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE YOU'D LIKE TRAINING, WE
CAN DELIVER THE COURSE AT YOUR SITE, IF YOU PREFER.







Our training room in Nantwich