

ILEVE News

ILEVE Technical day is being planned for the 4th July at HSE Buxton

The exact line up of speakers is yet to be confirmed but keep an eye on our LinkedIn site and your emails for future details in the near future.

New competency matrix for laboratory LEV

Many of you may have seen the recent email announcement of the new competency matrix for those working with or on laboratory LEV systems.

The matrix was a joint effort over the last few years, with our industry partners including colleagues representing the HSE, BESA, CLEAPPS and many companies working in this field. It was subsequently peer reviewed by a broad section of industry including BOHS, IOM, HSE, SHAPA, IOSH, EMADA, SAFed, Unite and the ILEVE membership.

When producing the matrix, the Technical Committee looked at all available standards for the supply, installation, servicing, testing, commissioning, and using of fume cupboards, recirculating fume cupboards and microbiological safety cabinets.

The idea of the matrix is that it sets out the job roles associated with the purchasing and safe use of these systems, the knowledge, skills, and qualifications required by persons undertaking these roles and the sources of information and training available.

It then attempts to provide guidance in terms of the level of detailed of a subject required by the person undertaking that role.

It is envisaged that this matrix will be used to help industry:

- Used by employers to identify gaps in the skills and knowledge requirements.
- Develop training courses and guidance to fill those gaps, potentially leading to apprenticeship schemes.
- Provide competency cards based on evidence.

On the last point ILEVE will now be looking to include this as part of the competency card scheme.



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News From Around The Industry...

BOHS... BOHS are celebrating its 70th anniversary, with special events at the annual conference, a stakeholder focussed parliamentary visit plan and a release of The History of Occupational Hygiene book by Trevor Ogden. So keep an eye out on the BOHS website and social media for more updates.

OH 2023 The Worker Health Protection Conference, June 12th to June 16th. There is a day of free PDCs session sponsored by the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene. 3 days of parallel scientific sessions, workshops and keynotes of prominent speakers in the world of worker health protection. The conference takes place in Leeds at the Queens Hotel.

The programme will be released soon so check out the website <https://www.bohs.org/events-networking/events/upcoming-events/detail/oh2023/> or social media to find out more.

ILEVE AGM

The ILEVE is to be held on Tuesday 18th April at 8:30am.

The AGM will follow the usual format including:

- Chairpersons Report
- Treasurers Report
- Confirmation of election of Steering Committee for coming year.

Recordings of the reports will be published on the ILEVE website.

There are no elections at the AGM as no new volunteers have come forward to join the Steering Committee other than those that have volunteered to be co-opted on to the committee during the past year.

The new Steering Committee will hold its first meeting immediately after the AGM to discuss its on-going workstreams and plans for the year ahead.

On May 3rd is the BOHS AGM, if you are a member you should receive further information soon.

SAFED.... A hybrid meeting of SAFed TC8 – LEV was held on 21th February 2023.

Review of SAFed guidance documents is ongoing.

Continued discussions with external committees of the Motor Vehicle Repair Forum and the Industry and Regulatory Forum on LEV.

BESA... BESA MEMBERS NEW POLICY AND PROCEDURES !!

Now available to download for free in your [BESA Members' Resource Area](#), the BESA H&S Team have created a range of new [policy and procedures](#) to keep you H&S compliant. Did you miss the SHEP webinar – Managing Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace on the 29.3.23

Check the SHEP website for a recording of the webinar. <https://www.shepuk.co.uk/whats-on/>
Check out the SHEPs useful information page for a free copy of the drugs and alcohol policy. <https://www.shepuk.co.uk/useful-information/>

Technical Committee Updates

TC01 TExT & Commissioning Reports

The new TExT & Commissioning report templates are now available to download from ILEVEwebsite.

[Click on this link to visit the page.](#)

TC02 ILEVE Partnership Scheme

Since our last Newsletter we have had some queries about the Partnership Scheme and we are currently assessing a further Company for this

TC03 Recirculating Filters

Actively recruiting for a new chair of the technical committee. Please let us know if you're interested in joining the committee.

TC04 On torch extraction

No update

TC05 BOHS BESA Qualifications

At the time of going to press we are waiting to hear if the application is going to be voted on at the next BESA Skills Partnership meeting.

TC06 Direct Reading Instruments

No update

TC07 Stack Design

Actively recruiting for a new chair of the technical committee. If stack design is your passion let us know.

Fume cupboard competency matrix

Good news! After many months of work, this document is now live and available for members to peruse and use as they see fit.

It will be used to form the basis of new competencies on the ILEVE Competency Card and has highlighted gaps in the market for training requirements and guidance.

The document can be viewed on the ILEVE website or by [clicking on this link](#).

Please send any feedback or comments to ileve@CIBSE.org

HSE Updates

HSE planning and enforcement activities.

HSE are currently discussing likely highly risk sectors for diseases, safety, or other enforcement action for 2023/2024. Targets proposed are:

- 1500 construction health risk visits (silica and woodworking).
- 1100 woodworking visits. Risks are for asthma and cancer. Lots of enforcement in the last campaign indicating the control messages are not yet embedded.
- 300 fabricated metal visits with a focus on metal working fluid mist control. Welding has shown improved compliance.

HSE have taken enforcement.

HSE have taken enforcement action against several LEV service providers. This includes a recently completed prosecution against a company called Air Tech Filtration. This is for their inadequate thorough examination and test reports that put the business and people working there at risk. This is for several their reports for different sites with various failings. Examples include:

- Office furniture manufacture adhesive spray booth using dichloromethane. This was for the incorrect place of measurement of face velocity at back of a booth when the true velocity was less than the required 0.25m/s measured at the face. Smoke test showed negligible ventilation.
- Bakery walk-in down flow dispensing booth. Four readings taken but unclear where taken and did not provide evidence on whether the LEV was in compliance.
- Plasma cutter with 10 metre under bench ducting with moveable arms. Only six measurements of velocity over the 10 metre duct length.

Issues had been raised by more than one inspector.



- **Downdraught Benches**
- **Dust Extraction Booths**
- **Mist Extraction**



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Let's Show The Cowboys The BENCH!

There are so many issues with our trade. Predominantly with 'have a goers'. Because yee-ha, how hard can it be? LEV's just a bit of pipe, right? Unfortunately, these cowboys who drag our trade down, have no real concept of control or of its importance. They throw an LEV system in and go. That's really not ok. I know it's an extreme statement but they're essentially getting away with murder.

The cowboys who presently fail to undertake benchmarking, hide behind the fact that the legal obligation to benchmark falls upon the clients' shoulders. But let's get real, clients rarely present or prepare a benchmark?! How can you provide a system to "control" when you don't know what you are controlling. You're essentially guessing and that's not morally correct.

So many companies have a three-quote policy and almost always go with the cheapest quote. This is where the cowboys thrive. It's infuriating to not be quoting on a level playing field. We often quote against cowboys who favour slots, when we've done a benchmark. As a result, our hood design needs more air, a bigger fan and filter. Although what we propose is compliant against the information provided to us, we look stupendously expensive. Guess what? we lose out to the cowboy company providing a guestimate system.

Appendix 2 Selecting a 'control benchmark' and 'control requirement'

This appendix describes a series of steps with worked examples to show how to assess a benchmark for the specification of LEV:

Step 1 Select the hazard band.

Step 2 Identify the exposure benchmark.

Step 3 Look at the 'exposure matrix'.

Step 1 Select the hazard band

There are five hazard bands, A to E. A is the least hazardous and E is the most hazardous (see Step 2).

| Hazard band | Hazard classification | |
|-------------|---|--|
| | CHIP2* R-phrase numbers | GHS† H-phrase numbers |
| A | 36, 38, 65, 67 and all not otherwise listed | 303, 304, 305, 313, 315, 316, 318, 319, 320, 333, 336 and all not otherwise listed |
| B | 20, 21, 22, 68/20/21/22 | 302, 312, 332, 371 |
| C | 23, 24, 25, 34, 35, 37, 41, 43, 48/20/21/22, 39/23/24/25, 68/23/24/25 | 301, 311, 314, 317, 318, 331, 335, 370, 373 |
| D | 26, 27, 28, 40, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 48/23/24/25, 39/26/27/28 | 300, 310, 330, 351, 360, 361, 362, 372 |
| E | 42, 45, 46, 49, 68 | 334, 340, 341, 350 |

Example

You need to use the highest band in which any of the 'R' phrase numbers appear. A product classified as R20 R36/37/38 R65 is hazard band C, because R37 is in Band C. A product classified as R68/21/22 R43 is also hazard Band C. A product classified as R20/21/22 R68 is hazard band E.

* Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002 (as amended) (CHIP) – Risk 'R' phrase. † Globally Harmonised System (GHS) – Hazard 'H' phrase: interim hazard banding.



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What can we do about this issue? I've always felt and thought that to professionalise the world of LEV, the focus needs to be more on Benchmarking substances. We need to introduce a piece of paper which is as important as an LEV TExT Report. This piece of paper should act like a licence to design, detailing the hood benchmark. Then no LEV System should be specified or installed without seeing this Benchmark paper. In turn forcing the Cowboys to comply with the hood design.

I think if the HSE could get behind a scheme like this, along with the LEV Industry, this could help put LEV Designers on a level playing field. It of course, wouldn't be the magic fix for all present failures in the LEV world. But it's a critical foundation to LEV Design and presently the most ignored part. We can't continue to turn a blind eye to this and so I remain ever the optimist. Our aim should be: "Let's get it right from the start"

Louise Wood – Airducts Design

Introducing the BOHS LEV Principle Examiners

The Role of BOHS LEV Principle Examiners

BOHS LEV Principle examiners are in place to act as a go to person with regards to upholding the standards of LEV examinations and qualifications within the BOHS and the wider profession. In addition to maintaining the existing structure the principal examiners will be involved in the review of exams and propose updates and changes as required, which is at the top of the agenda with regards to LEV.

They will also act as the technical point of contact in terms of submissions, questions and queries with regards to the P600 module structure of applicants and people performing such studies, this will be done alongside the BOHS head office team.

The BOHS has recently appointed two new LEV Principle Examiners, Dave Towler and Niall Rettie.

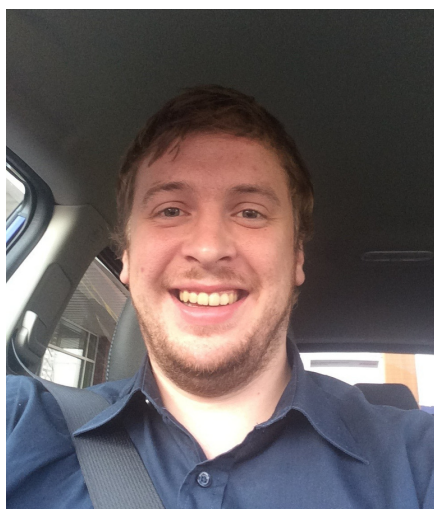
Dave Towler

With a degree in Biomedical Sciences, he joined an Occupational Hygiene consultancy working across the country supporting businesses from most sectors. With a great supporting mentor he learnt a lot, testing LEV systems of all forms, including an interesting one with a disposable hood!

Joining a Pharmaceutical company, he was responsible for working with external organisations as the 'client', to ensure LEV was effective in controlling some highly potent agents for his employer

It was during this time that Dave learnt a lot about the challenges of LEV design, installation and management and discovered that accessing competent advice and support can be challenging. This was particularly clear when controlling potent agents with occupational exposure limits of less than 1 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$. (equivalent to less than a teaspoon spread equally across Wembley stadium!)

Most recently, he has joined the regulator as a specialist inspector. He is specifically involved in looking at in terms of what the law requires of LEV service providers and Duty Holders alike. It has also given me some ideas as to where potential stakeholders, such as HSE, ILEVE and BOHS can work together to improve the health of GB workers.



I chose to apply for the Principal Examiner role because I think that competence is key for ensuring LEV systems are doing the jobs they were intended to do. In my roles I have seen the good, the bad and the ugly and all too often the root cause of poor performance is incompetence. Hopefully, through improvements in education and assessment, I can help to make an improvement to worker health.

I think the biggest challenge we face at the moment is finding the best solution to address the competence issue across the whole LEV market. At the moment we know there are some highly competent people in our sector, so how do we spread that competence across everyone working with LEV? How can we ensure that there is a tangible benefit for everyone to strive to be the best LEV practitioner?

I think that Niall and I can work together to build on the education and qualification structure that is already in place, to ensure we have a system that can impart the desire to continually improve and contribute to the health of GB workers.

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Niall Rettie

After Studying Architecture at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, and quickly discovering a career in Architecture wasn't for him, a close friend suggested I apply for a draftsman position at the company he presently worked at. An Oil & Gas services company that specialised in HVAC & Refrigeration interviewed him for a draftsman job and offered him an offshore job involving various different testing and compliance scopes and was where I was first introduced to Local Exhaust Ventilation and its important role in protecting worker health.

During his years working in this role, he undertook the full P600 series of qualifications; expanding his knowledge in Local Exhaust Ventilation. With encouragement from others in the industry he went for the Certificate of Competence in Control awarded by the BOHS, becoming (at the time) only the third person to be awarded it.

Since then, he has been an advocate for proper training and development for anyone involved with testing LEV systems and have encouraged fellow employees to improve their skills and understanding of controlling substances hazardous to health.

Over the years I've been involved with LEV at the BOHS as an examiner for the P600 series of qualifications. Many who know me, know that I've always had grand ideas on how the industry can be improved, so when I saw the advert for the position of Principal Examiner I thought this was the perfect opportunity to put my money where my mouth is!

What I'm most looking forward to with regards to this new role is the opportunity to take the great foundation that is the existing LEV qualifications structure, and with help, develop it further into a competency benchmark for everyone in the LEV industry. This is easier said than done, but I believe that the different backgrounds that David and I have will compliment each other, and together we will be able to make headway with our new undertaking.

My overall ambition is to try and help raise the standards of all those who work within our industry. We hope to be able to provide a defined learning path for all those involved in the LEV industry, so that they can expand their knowledge and make the most informed decisions possible, ultimately reducing the amount of people impacted by ill-health at work.



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Case Study

Design brief:

The client has several shredders which separate paper and tea leaves. The tea is recycled back into the process. The paper is also sent for recycling.

The current layout consisted of two duct collectors located inside the building. They were both inefficient and did not comply with current DSEAR regulations.

APS UK Ltd redesigned and installed the system to reduce the levels of dust within the area of the shredders, conveying the waste to be recycled and also to completely comply with DSEAR regs suitable using ATEX compliant equipment.

Once the tea and paper bags had been shredded the wastepaper was extracted through a central duct system, routed out of the building, and connected to a rotary separator, compactor and then Donaldson dust filter. The wastepaper is compacted into a large container for removal from site for recycling. The dust is filtered and discharged waste collected in a bulk bag for disposal.



The benefits of the new system are:

- Reduced levels of dust in the shredding area.
- Safer working conditions within the shredding area.
- The paper is cleaner, free of tea, and requires fewer recycling processes to enable it to be reused in the paper industry.

Adrian Ogden — APS UK Ltd

BOHS ILEVE 8th LEV Conference

Birmingham 2023

BOHS ILEVE 6th LEV Conference: Where the future is headed was the 8th BOHS & ILEVE joint event, put together for all levels of active involvement within the LEV industry.

The conference was opened by **Mary Cameron** who welcomed some 80 attendees in the room and a further 30 online to the 6th LEV Conference held at The Studio in central Birmingham.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

ILEVE

Chair Dean Greer was unable to attend so vice Chair **Adrian Sims** stepped in and gave the annual ILEVE update to the conference, thank you Adrian.

Adrian provided updates on the work the various ILEVE Technical Committees are working on, changes within the Steering Committee and plans for future technical days and approved courses.

Adrian Sims also delivered a short presentation introducing the RIBA Plan of Works with Mick Fordham. The plan is often used by the construction industry and is growing in popularity. This should be considered by end users and LEV providers when delivering new systems..

BOHS

BOHS President Elect **Alex Wilson** provided us with an update on what activity the BOHS has been up to for the past 12 months and their plans for the next including the launch of the Regulated Professionals Register. Alex also informed us that this year is the BOHS's 70th anniversary and they will be celebrating this at their annual conference in his home city of Leeds on the 13th to 15th June.

BOHS CEO **Kevin Bampton** gave the final presentation of the day, explaining how the BOHS are embarking on a piece of work to update and modernise the LEV P-series qualifications

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HSE

Duncan Smith provided the conference with an update on the activities of the HSE and what campaigns they are targeting in the coming year.

This included the types of sites they will be visiting. A focus on silica, metal-working fluids, dichloromethane, and asbestos will continue this year. He also discussed the HSE's on-going work around recirculating filters and future campaigns.

Robert Williams provided regulatory activity and a great insightful case study on a recent LEV industry prosecution case, which was most informative and helpful.

The Conference also hosted some excellent guest speakers looking into various aspects of occupational hygiene and LEV worlds.

Drawing Schematics

Craig Hymers hosted a workshop looking at could the LEV industry adopt a standard for schematic drawings.

Nano

Polly McLean and **Matthew Boyles** from IOM deliver an interesting presentation on Nano particles on how to assess the hazard and control the risk.

RIBA Framework

Mick Fordham covered off how the RIBA framework does and can work for you within the LEV industry, through various stages of procurement, project, and delivery.



BOHS ILEVE 8th LEV Conference

Birmingham 2023

The Conference hosted guest sponsors and exhibitors –

- SKC Inc – Air sampling products.
- TSI Incorporated – Industry Measurement devices and analytics.
- I2 Analytical – Environmental testing & analysis.
- Dust Canary – Dust monitoring and Data analysis.
- Testo – Industry Instrumentation & electronics.

Thank you from the ILEVE team for your support and your involvement see you at the next one!

The ILEVE steering committee would like to thank everyone involved in bringing the day together and for all the help and support from the behind the scenes personnel, who really do get it over the line.

We would mostly like to thank YOU, our members, so thank you, for your continued support!

We, like many institutes look to gather feedback and action where possible, from the feedback we received from the LEV 2023 event, we met your expectation and you agree it was a success. See the published feedback in this newsletter.

Areas where we do need to address such as IT, Specific LEV content and of course “Bring back the Quiz” this will be discussed and then implemented, as always, we also wish for your involvement as members, ideas, suggestions and offering of support to put this event on and to continue in 2023, we always need more engagement.

If you can support, help and add value contact the ILEVE team today, email ileve@cibse.org visit www.ileve.org

BOHS ILEVE 8th LEV Conference Feedback

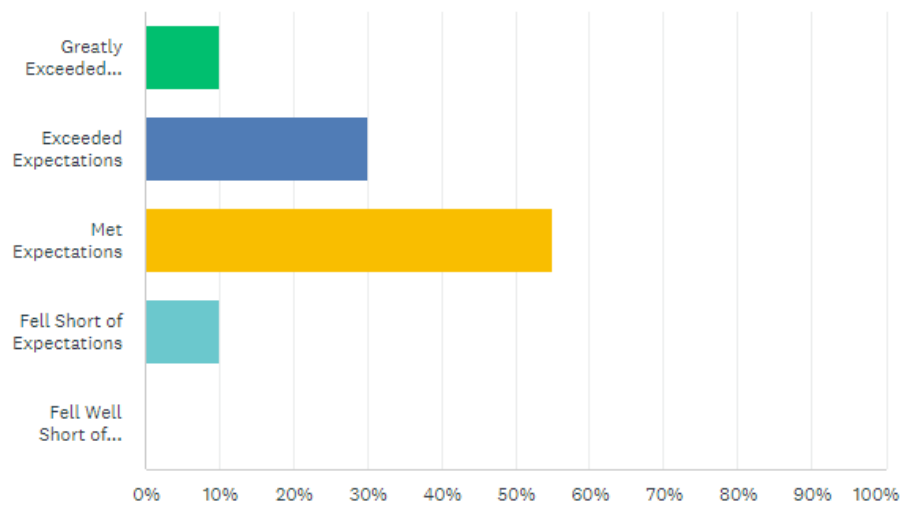
As conference organisers, we are always eager to receive attendees (and non-attendees) feedback from the event to make sure we are delivering what people want and to continue to improve what we can offer.

This year's feedback made for interesting reading.

As always, we asked several questions to delegates attending the event immediately afterwards and these are the results...

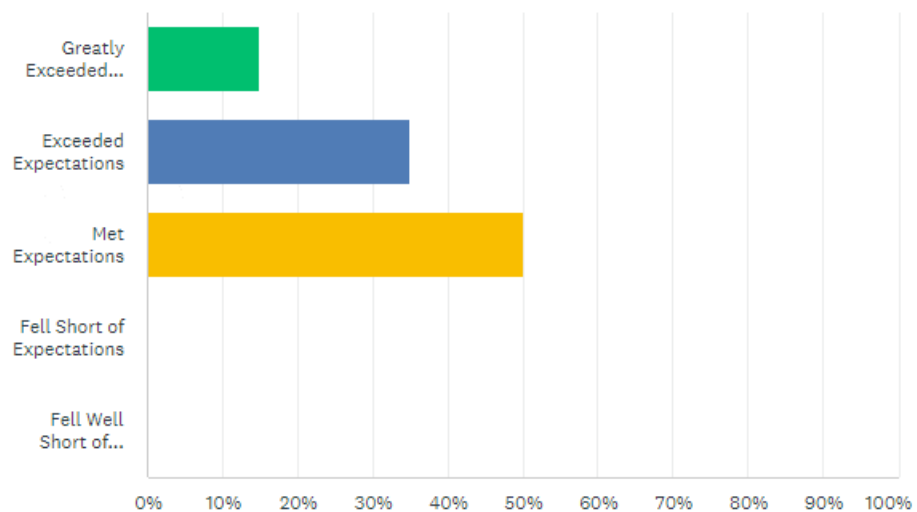
Q1 What did you think to this year's programme content?

It's tough coming up with new fresh content together with presenters (who give up their time & travel for free) so, we are glad to have met many people's expectations.



Q2 What did you think to the quality of the speakers?

It's not easy presenting in front of your peers! The LEV conference has always prided itself to be able to give new and experienced speakers an opportunity to present and we thank the audience for their appreciation.

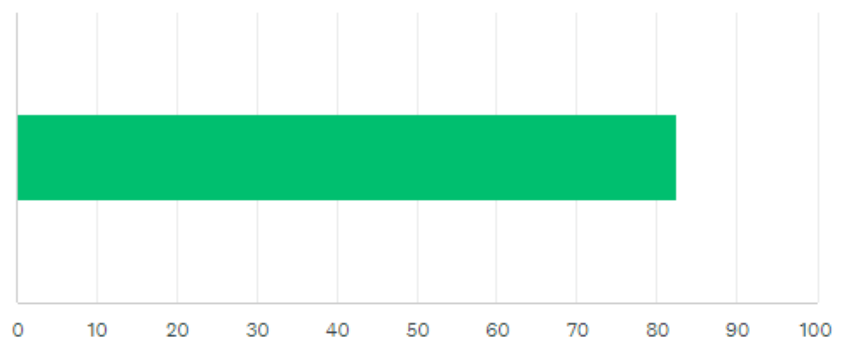


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Feedback

Q3 If you attended in person, how would you rate the venue?

Looks like we got this one right!

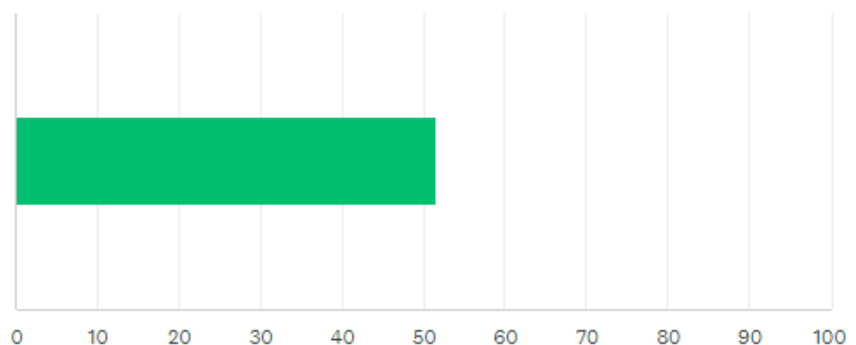


Q4 If you attended virtually, how would you rate the experience?

As much as we try, the virtual attendance aspect can be very difficult to carry out without a hitch. We work closely with the conference venue's representatives to ensure good IT connections and support are available (the last two years we have employed, at an expense, IT companies to run the conference). However, things don't always go to plan e.g. lost connects and fuzzy microphones.

Any IT experts out there who can help?

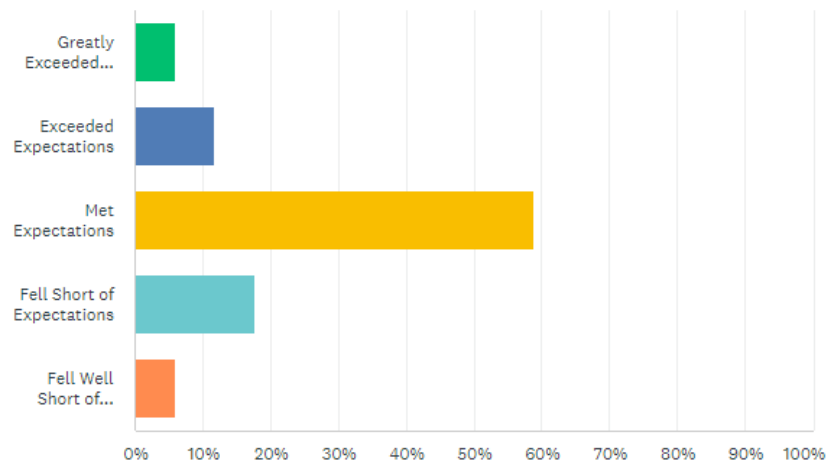
We also strive to make the virtual audience as involved as possible without compromising the interactive aspects for the in-person audience. And so, we have decided to keep the workshops in the programme although we understand the frustrations for the virtual audience. Please let us know if you have any specific ideas on how to improve this.



BOHS ILEVE 8th LEV Conference Feedback

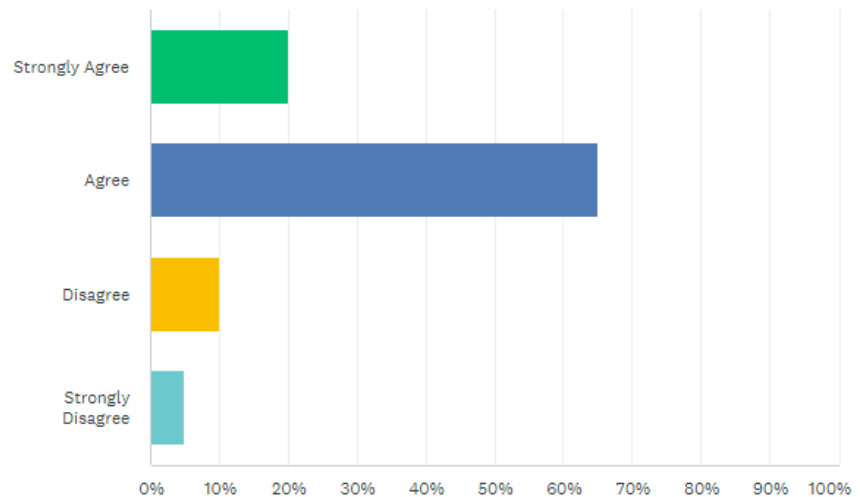
Q5 What did you think to the networking opportunities?

What else can we do to help increase this? Long breaks or an evening event before/after? Please let us know your thoughts.



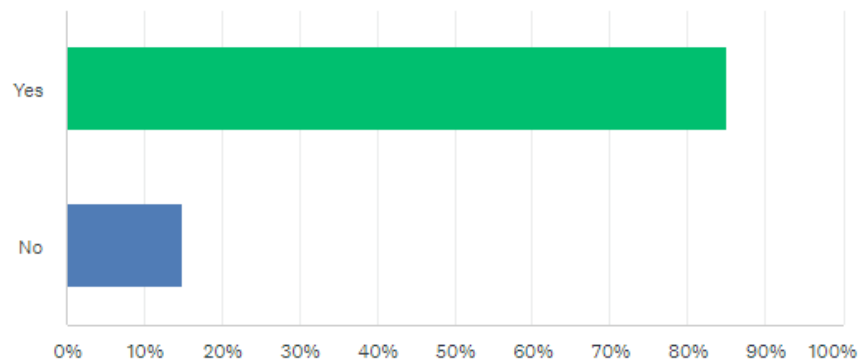
Q6 Do you think you got good value for money?

It's good to see people tend to agree it is value for money. At a time when people are cutting back it is important that we provide value where we can.



Q7 Would you recommend this event to a colleague?

This is very encouraging for us. Next year we will have to book a room twice as big!



BOHS ILEVE 8th LEV Conference

Feedback

We also had written feedback from attendees which is very much appreciated. Paraphrasing, we have listed below some comments which stood out to us.

- **Wanting more talks on subjects such as TExTing of specific systems such as re-circulatory.**
Leave this with us and we will see what we can do for next year.

- **Finding the conference content repetitive each year.**
We do try and have a different 'theme' each year. We have learned which topics are popular and which are not and so we allow our focus to be guided by this feedback. Although we understand that the content also needs to be kept fresh. We, the conference organisers, reach far and wide each year for new content. We've reached out to doctors specialising in occ health, LEV engineers, occ hygienist, etc.

But this can be a struggle. There are only so many experts who are interested, available and willing.

If you know of a topical expert who may be willing to come forward, then please pass them on to us.

- **Mentioning the apprentice scheme which was discussed in the conference and how to improve on this.**

The idea is that by introducing an apprenticeship scheme, we will have formalised 3 to 4 years of training including qualifications and on the job experience with a mentor all assessed by independent third parties.

- **Wanting the conference venue to have a hotel. Some may not attend due to the difficulty and cost of driving to these inner city venues.**

We will strive going forward to have a nearby hotel available (if not at the venue itself) for people to meet up in the night before/after.

- **Asking for the quiz to be included again in future conferences**

Of course! We will make this happen.

We really appreciate the time everyone has taken to provide the feedback and we will be looking to see what we can do to improve for next year!

If you would like to get involved in any aspect of organising the LEV Conference or the work that ILEVE are undertaking, please contact us at ileve@cibse.org.

Meet the Steering Committee Member

Kathryn Sowerby

After leaving the ILEVE Steering Committee in 2018 due to workload, Kathryn has now re-joined and taken up the role of Secretary.

Kathryn started her career as an Industrial Chemist, working for Reckitt & Column and Akzo Nobel. She was then offered the opportunity to train in Occupational Hygiene with BP Chemicals whilst working directly to the Senior Occupational Hygienist at Akzo Nobel, undertaking a range of testing including Stack Emission testing, LEV testing, Noise Assessments and Air monitoring, across their 3 UK sites.



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After having her children, Kathryn took a break from Industry and undertook a Masters in Business and Social Enterprise at Cambridge University– this led to a 10 year career developing and delivering Strategic Business plans to support the growth of Social Enterprises across England.

In 2014 an opportunity arose for Kathryn to return to Occupational Hygiene and start her own business – Level Systems Ltd, managing a team of LEV Test Engineers, as well as offering Occupational Hygiene services either directly or through associates.

Kathryn has also held a number of Non-Executive Directorships for Charitable organisations, including FareShare – the food poverty charity and is currently Chair of Social Enterprise

LEV Industry Forum

The last meeting (held on the 10th January 2023), attended on behalf of ILEVE by Dean Greer and Adrian Sims, discussed updates on LEV related activity from the various member bodies attending – the main take away's from this were:

- **BOHS** are in the process of starting to review the LEV qualifications and training courses. This will include report writing, DSEAR and inventors. There is also a move to expand the number of examiners for the courses.
- **EMADA** are developing their website, looking at providing training and accreditation.
- **INITA** are increasing their presence in the LEV industry (approx. 120 examiners).
- **SAFed** are holding two meetings per year for their members.
- **CLEAPPS** identified three prominent issues they are dealing with relating to fume cupboard testing and the lack of commissioning reports, identifying suitable companies to undertake laboratory ventilation work and guidance recently issued by the Wood Safety Group which, whilst badged by HSE, gives some concerning guidance.
- **ILEVE** Provided details on:
 - AGM (18th May 2023)
 - Exhibiting and potentially presenting at the Health & Safety Expo on 16th to 18th May 2023
 - 5th ed of the Newsletter
 - Two new appointments to the Steering Committee
 - Updates on the Partnership Scheme
 - Update on our work with BESA and BOHS on the CSCS Skills Card Scheme to lead to a potential apprenticeship scheme.
 - Updates on the various technical committee's work.
- **IOSH** are producing an LEV guidance document for the international market. This is heavily based on HSG258. Members of ILEVE (Dean Greer and Adrian Sims) have both been involved in assisting IOSH to write this document and it is currently being peer reviewed.
- **The Building Safety Bill** was discussed. The Hackett review identified the need for 3rd party assessment of competence. Presently this does not have much relevance to LEV engineers as this only applies to occupied buildings over 7 stories with at least two people living in it. However, there is concern that a potential change to include buildings with other risks could then encompass the work of LEV engineers (design, test, install and commissioning). The associated documents PAS 8673 on competence requirements for a person or company or BSI Flex 8670 building safety competency framework code of practice are the documents of interest. If criteria for where the PAS and Flex documents apply (7 stories, two people living in it) changes in the future this could in theory then apply to any design work including LEV. In addition, the Building Safety Regulator covers all buildings and uses and there is no indication as yet what they will regulate on. If there were any quick changes to the scope of those regulations, then this could cause serious problems for compliance at short notice.

The next meeting of the Industry and Regulatory Forum on LEV will be on Thursday 9th November 2023.

HSE Appeal

Members of the trade associations and professional bodies represented on the forum are encouraged to raise concerns with HSE when they see unsatisfactory work of LEV installers and designers. Consideration will be given to producing a note with some pointers on how to report poor service including some examples. Persons raising the concerns can do this anonymously but may on rare occasions be needed as a witness in any prosecution.

ILEVE newsletter handover

Hi All

Due to work commitments I'm sorry to say I'll be stepping down from the ILEVE newsletter after this edition.

It's come a long way since Adrian and I had a discussion about '**what you get or not get**' for your ILEVE membership in summer 2021. We've had some great articles from the ILEVE membership and those industry bodies that have a vested interest in the forward movement of the LEV industry, many thanks for your support getting this off the ground.

Lloyd Barker will be taking over the mantel of the ILEVE newsletter, starting with the next edition, Edition 7 - July 2023.

After serving in the Royal Military Police, until 2016, he has worked as a Welding Engineer at EBS Barker Ltd, a family company based out of Bolton, Greater Manchester. The company became more involved in the LEV industry in 2019 following the re-classification of mild steel welding fume by the HSE.

Spending time in the LEV industry has given Lloyd an insight into the real opportunity LEV has to improve the lives of welders, particularly those he's heard of suffering with various respiratory problems. His aim is to become a highly involved member of ILEVE as he truly believe they are a force for good.

I wish Lloyd all the best with the ILEVE Newsletter and hope that you'll all continue to support this little project.

Thanks

Amy Jackson

Lloyd Barker
(New Editor)



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ILEVE diary

Below are some of the activities members of the ILEVE Steering Committee will be undertaking in the coming months....

| Date | Activity | ILEVE Representative |
|------------------|---|---|
| 16 - 17 May 2023 | Health & Safety Expo, Excel, London. | Carl Latham Dean Greer |
| 11 May 2023 | BSi panel looking into laboratory Capture Hood devices meeting. | Dean Greer Adrian Sims |
| 23 May 2023 | SHEP Committee Meeting | Adrian Sims |
| 4 June 2023 | Content submission deadline for July newsletter. | Lloyd Baker |
| 4 July 2023 | ILEVE Technical Day at HSE, Buxton | John Saunders |
| 9 November 2023 | LEV Industry Forum meeting. | Dean Greer Adrian Sims |

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Positions vacant! We still need your help...

We still have two key positions to fill (please see below).

Like all positions on the ILEVE committees, they are all voluntary roles and apart from the reimbursement of the occasional traveling expenses from CIBSE, we do this to help develop the industry and to promote best practice in all matters relating to LEV.

Please help us deliver a thriving successful ILEVE. We are making a difference but with your help we can do so much more.

If you are interested or would like more details, please email us at ileve@cibse.org with the job role your interested in the subject bar.

Grading Committee Member

The ILEVE grading committee is looking for two new members to join to help with the influx of new members applying for LEV grading.

To undertake this role, you need to have a good understanding of LEV, the qualifications within the industry and what good experience looks like.

Typically, this role involves attending regular (monthly) TEAM's meetings to work through members applications.

Business Plan Co-Ordinator

As ILEVE grows over the coming years, we are looking for someone to join the committee to develop a business plan for the next 1, 3 & 5 year periods, to develop our interaction with our industry partners and to develop our offer for our members.

Once the plan is in place, we would then look for guidance and management of the plan along with updates and amendments.

You don't need to be an LEV expert for this role.

This is your newsletter...

If you have an interesting news story or article that you would like to share with other ILEVE members (and others), please send it in to us at ileve@cibse.org

Closing date for articles to appear in the July 2023 edition is 4th June 2023

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