Who should attend

The conference will be of great interest to trade unionists, employment lawyers, academics and students, those campaigning around health and safety issues and those with responsibility as health and safety at work.

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How to get there

Euston or Kings Cross tube and rail.

Cost

IER subscribers and members £75.00

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Reviewing Löfstedt: what now for health and safety at work?

A one-day conference Wednesday 9th May 2012 9:30am to 3:45pm at NUT Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD

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About the conference

In 2011 the coalition government commissioned Professor Ragnar Löfstedt of King's College London, aided by an independent panel, to review the so-called 'burden' on business of health and safety legislation. There was a call for evidence in July 2011, and 'Reclaiming health and safety for all: an independent review of health and safety legislation' was published in October 2011.

The report made a number of recommendations including simplifying the Approved Codes of Practice, and reviewing and consolidating a number of sector-specific regulations. A timetable of further tasks has now been put into place including plans to revoke regulations deemed to be 'unnecessary'.

Although the world of work has certainly changed since the introduction of the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974 there is no reason to believe that the level of risk has diminished. The types of risks faced by workers and the gross numbers of injuries, illnesses and fatalities reported remain unacceptable in a civilized society.

In its response to the Löfstedt Review, three IER experts commented "While the government had implied a thoroughgoing undermining of health and safety law as a bureaucratic brake on business activity, the Review suggests no such thing. In fact, it largely endorses the current regulatory framework for health and safety and consequently does not appear to represent an explicit attempt to weaken its foundations".

The questions are, will the recent review of health and safety and the report it generated, help to reduce accidents and injuries at work? What recommendations does the Löfstedt report make and will those recommendations help develop or dismantle the UK's health and safety regime?

This conference will provide opportunities to look at the findings and recommendations of the Löfstedt review and discuss them with the Report's author – Professor Löfstedt and hear expert opinion and analysis from trade unionists and lawyers.

Programme

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3.45

9.30	Registration
9.50	Welcome from Chair, Carolyn Jones, Director of IER
10.00	Keynote Speech from Professor Ragnar Löfstedt
10.30	Questions to Professor Löfstedt
10.40	The IER response to the Löfstedt report: a critical evaluation $David\ Whyte, University\ of\ Liverpool$
11:10	Q&A
11:15	BREAK
11:30	$Health \ and \ Safety: Experiences from \ the \ construction \ industry \ Steve\ Cottingham, OHP arsons\ Solicitors$
12:00	Beyond Löfstedt Hugh Robertson, TUC Senior Policy Officer for Health and Safety
12:25	Q&A
12:30	LUNCH
1:30	What the Löfstedt Review didn't say and could and should have said – locating a missing occupational health perspective Professor Andrew Watterson, University of Stirling
2:00	Löfstedt: a view from a member of the advisory panel Andrew Miller MP
2:20	Questions and discussions with Andrew Miller
2:30	Life after Lofstedt: where do we go from here and what can we do Daniel Shears, GMB National Health and Safety Officer
3:00	Speaking truth to power: it's the hazards stupid, don't blame the workers <i>Hilda Palmer, Hazards Campaign</i>
3:30	Q&A