



Two more worker involvement events to be run by the Offshore Industry Advisory Committee (OIAC) Workforce Involvement Group (WIG)

Following the success of events held last year in Aberdeen and Norwich another couple of similar events are being run in March 2010. They will be held on **2 March 2010** and **25 March 2010** at **The Marriott Hotel, Dyce, Aberdeen.**

Worker involvement

Calling all offshore workers

The WIG will build on the major hazard themes first outlined at Murrayfield in 2008. These included:

- Hazard awareness incident analysis
- Safety case consultation and
- The role of the workforce

Delegates will be asked to share their experiences and discuss the effectiveness of the SI 971 Committees Offshore to help develop industry good practice.

What is the Worker Involvement Group (WIG)?

The WIG is made up of members from across all parts of the offshore industry including trade unions, trade associations, safety representatives, workforce representatives and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The WIG's objective is to actively encourage and raise the profile of what we can all do to help achieve health and safety in the offshore industry.

The group looks specifically at ways to increase offshore workers' interest and involvement in health and safety matters and to encourage voluntary expansion of workplace health and safety representation. It is a subgroup of OIAC which is an important forum for discussing offshore health and safety matters, exchanging information, working to raise standards and share good practice.

Safety reps have an important role in support of the management of safety issues within offshore organisations. They need the right recognition, support and training to effectively carry out what is a voluntary role. One of the findings of the Offshore Workforce Survey, published in May 2009, was that safety representatives are not always given the necessary support to fulfil their role.

OIAC is chaired by the head of HSE's Offshore Safety Division with members throughout the industry representing employers, employees, trade unions, trade associations and other government departments. More details can be found at:

www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/meetings/iacs/oiac

If you would like to attend one of these events please contact:
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Places are limited to 60 per event so it will be on a first come, first served basis.

WIG Members: Fraser Easton - Chair HSE, Paul Adamson - HSE, Alistair McGilvray - Consultant, Offshore Oil Industry, Robert Paterson - O&GUK, Phil Ley - OCA, Jake Molloy - RMT, Dave Nicholls - Step Change, John Taylor - UNITE, Mike Craig - Transocean, Willie Gibson - Corporate HSE , PSN, Duncan Tee - Maersk, Leslie Larchet - OIM, Centrica Storage, Nicky Elphinsone - ESS, Safety Representative, Alan Caldwell - IADC.

