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9th International Tall Building Fire Safety Conference

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Welcome to the 9th International Tall Building Fire Safety Conference



Russ Timpson
Conference Director

Really looking forward to holding our UK conference at a new venue alongside the Blue Light Show.

As usual, we have a great line up of speakers on all aspects of high rise fire safety.

The 9th International Tall Building HRB Fire Safety Conference (UK) is a great way to get CPD hours and maintain your competency.

As expected, the conference will have a heavy bias towards the Regulation changes in the UK and meeting the challenges of the 'Golden Thread'.

The conference is a great opportunity to meet and network with colleagues and gauge current best practice.

Seats are limited and are going quickly, so don't delay.

See you there.

Go High, Go Well.

Russ Timpson, Conference Director

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Conference Agenda

Wednesday 18th June

Time	Agenda	Speaker
09:00	Delegates Seated – housekeeping	
09:10	Welcome and Introduction of VIP opener	Amanda Long CCPI
09:15	Opening VIP address	Jane Duncan RIBA
09:30	Opening Panel discussion	Jane Duncan RIBA, Serena Sukkar, Andrea White, Sarah Stevenson-Jones
10:40	Icebreakers and Networking	
11:00	Presentation 1: Smoke Toxicity – Grenfell Implications	Jim Glockling
11:30	Presentation 2: Using AI to develop Fire Strategies	Tom Lawrence
12:00	Presentation 3: Fire Safety – new standards for new challenges”?	Chris Smith-Wong
12:30	Presentation 4: Overview of Recent Fire Standard Development	Amin Sharma
13:00	Break	
14:00	Presentation 5: Optimum location of Firefighting outlets in staircases	Paul Bussey
14:30	Presentation 6: Common misunderstandings in smoke control solutions in high rise buildings	Andrew Gausden
15:00	Presentation 7: Latest Issues in High Rise Firefighting	Ben Levy
15:30	Presentation 8: Use of Smoke Hoods in High Rise Buildings	Russ Timpson
16:00	Q&A	
17:00	Day 1 – Close	

Conference Agenda

Thursday 19th June

Time	Agenda	Speaker
09:00	Delegates Seated – housekeeping	
09:10	Welcome and Introduction of VIP opener	Monima Harrison
09:15	Opening VIP address	Philip White BSR
09:30	Opening Panel Discussion	Philip White BSR, Prof. Ed Galea, Ross O’Loughlin
10:40	Icebreakers and Networking	
11:00	Presentation 9: Dangers of a Broken Neutral and Stray Voltage in the Tall Building Sector	Terry Gould
11:30	Presentation 10: Non-Functioning Door Closers - Demystifying the Problem and The Symptoms That Cause Them	Pete Davies
12:00	Presentation 11: Managing the Golden Thread & Competence	Ben Blackwood
12:30	Presentation 12: Building Safety Register	Matt Hodges-Long
13:00	Break	
14:00	Presentation 13: Insurance Update	Howden
14:30	Presentation 14: Innovation in Tenant Engagement Strategies	Chris Taber
15:00	Presentation 15: Can standard passenger lifts be safely used for evacuation in residential buildings?	Tim Gates
15:30	Presentation 16: Advances in Façade Fire Testing Modelling	Prof. Ed Galea
16:00	Q&A	
17:00	Day 2 – Close	

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Speaker Profiles



Russ Timpson

Founder and organiser of the Tall Building Fire Safety Network

Russ Timpson is the founder and organiser of the Tall Building Fire Safety Network (TBFSN). Started in 2009 the TBFSN seeks to improve fire safety in the Tall Building Environment. RT is a former RN submariner and firefighter. He is a chartered Fire Engineer. On leaving the Fire Service, RT took up the position of Head of Safety for Virgin Atlantic Airways, leading a multi-disciplinary team of safety, health and environmental specialists. RT now works as a consulting resilience engineer. Currently promoting the use of the 'Fire Mark' concept to improved occupant awareness of fire safety in buildings.



Tim Gates

Tim retired from the Fire Service in 2020, after 26 years of both operational and fire safety experience.

His role within Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service included leading the Fire Engineering and Consultation Team; providing operational development and training on firefighting in tall buildings; and attending incidents as an Incident Commander.

Until his retirement, Tim sat on the National Fire Chiefs Council's 'Working Group for Fires in Tall Buildings' and has a passion for learning and development, particularly in terms of 'Fires in the Built Environment'.

Tim was the Co-Chair of the Trailblazer Group that developed the apprenticeship standard for Fire Safety Engineers, and currently sits on the Legacy Group that monitors its implementation and progress.

He is registered as a Chartered Fire Engineer with the UK Engineering Council and has considerable, practical experience of working within project teams to design tall residential buildings, and also of dealing with fires in tall buildings.

Tim runs a successful fire engineering company in Hampshire and is married with a 20-year-old son.

Speaker Profiles



Paul Bussey
RIBA, FIFireE, FASFP, IMaPS

Paul is an architect with 40 years experience of architectural practice including job running experience and consultancy. He has developed a technical expertise in the application of all types of building related legislation and constructional guidance. He represents AHMM Architects Technical Consulting team providing solutions and regulatory compliance to assist project teams to meet their statutory and contractual obligations on all projects.

Paul is particularly interested in how regulations in all "people risk" areas of architecture including fire, safety, and health, integrate with day to day project risk management especially at design stages, in a proportionate manner.

He was involved with the HSE's development of the CDM 2007 and 2015 regulations on behalf of the RIBA. He was a member of the HSE IICC & BS 8671 PD Committees, Chair of both the CONIAC KPWC & CIC Health & Safety Committee, DLUHC Alternative Escape Steering Group and a current member of the RIBA Fire Expert Advisory Group, and assisting their delivery of the previous and forthcoming Principal Designer Course.



Ben Blackwood

Ben Blackwood is an Engineer focussed on the technical management of challenging high-rise construction projects, including HRBs and the Skypool. Specialising in building safety risk management, Ben is experienced in all phases of project life-cycle. Understanding the needs to construction and asset management data users has been key to the successful delivery of challenging projects from Planning to asset management.

London Construction Specialist of the Year 2022 and active Member of the IMechE and IFE, Ben has shared learning and tools on the subject of the Golden Thread and building safety risk management.



Chris Taber

I spent 30 years as a Broadcast TV Lighting Camera Operator, working on several Olympic Games and filming everything from Ice Climbing in Switzerland to the Cranberry Harvest in Massachusetts.

I've always had an interest in niche cameras so when the technology was available I embraced 360° photography, Virtual Tours and the creation of interactive content, this is now 100% of my business.

I enjoy developing projects that promote accessibility and safety as well as helping businesses to increase their engagement with current and future clients.



Amanda Long

Chief Executive, Construction Product Information Ltd – The not-for-profit organisation set-up to guard, manage and assess conformance with the Code for Construction Product Information (CCPI).

Amanda brings a wealth of expertise driving ethical business practice and championing consumer protection.

With 25 years professional experience nationally and internationally, Amanda brings not for profit and private sector experience including working within a global charity championing consumer and public protection and national not-for-profit voluntary standard setting organisations for the built environment including in the past, the Considerate Constructors Scheme, Building a Safer Future Charter and now, in current post leading the Code for Construction Product Information (CCPI).

CCPI is a critical initiative working to raise standards in product information management and moving the industry to a place where there is greater confidence in construction product information and marketing. The CCPI Assessment process includes a crucial focus on the leadership, culture and ethics of manufacturers and suppliers wishing to register to work with the Code. Registration with CCPI commits manufacturers and suppliers to continual improvement of product information and marketing.



Ben Levy
BEd, BEng, MIFireE

Ben Levy is a highly experienced senior manager at Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service. During his 28-year career as a firefighter and officer he has gained significant operational experience. He has held a wide range of leadership positions, with a primary focus on operational command, safety, technical advice, assurance, and research and development.

As the strategic lead for Fires in Tall Buildings at the National Fire Chiefs Council, he is focussed on advancing techniques and procedures for firefighting, rescue and evacuation in respect of tall buildings. His primary concern is the safety of both firefighters and affected occupants.

Ben recognises that a legacy of design, construction and build issues continue to create a significant challenge to Fire and Rescue Service responders. In response, he continually emphasises the importance of outstanding levels of preparedness for, and response to, fires in tall buildings.



Aman Sharma
MBE, Chief Executive Officer, Totus Digital

Aman is a recognized industry leader having played a key role in transforming fire safety across the built environment. With a background as both a former fire and rescue service officer and a fire engineer, Aman combines extensive operational and technical expertise with a commitment to advancing fire safety through digital innovation and information management.

Between 2019 – 2023, Aman served as Deputy Chair of the Building Regulations Advisory Committee (BRAC), providing strategic guidance to the Secretary of State on building safety standards and regulations. In 2023, he was appointed as one of the inaugural members of the Building Safety Regulator's Building Advisory Committee (BAC), where he currently leads the Approved Document B Technical Review and serves as Chair of the BAC Higher Risk Building Thematic Working Group. In this role, Aman is instrumental in implementing the new regulatory regime for higher-risk buildings and operationalizing the "golden thread" of building information.

Aman is Chair of the British Standards Institution (BSI) committee FSH/0, where he oversees the strategic direction and ongoing development of fire safety standards.

For his services to building and fire safety, HM King Charles made Aman an MBE in the 2025 New Years Honour List.



Terry Gould

Terry Gould is an experienced Electrical Engineer who has worked in the industry since 1980. Throughout his career, he has owned and operated nationwide electrical contracting companies in the UK, specializing in fire alarm installations for major blue-chip clients.

Over the past 17 years, Terry's business interests have expanded globally, leveraging his extensive network to engage in ventures across China, Europe, and the USA, while maintaining his ongoing interests in the UK.

His involvement with matt:e's O-PEN® technology began through his long-standing friendship with Matthew Hunt. After being introduced to the product five years ago, Terry immediately recognized its potential to revolutionize electrical safety and its crucial role in integrating with commercial building BMS systems.

Given the challenges fire departments face in high-rise building fires, O-PEN® technology provides a critical solution by detecting broken neutral faults before they become a fire hazard.

With his global experience, Terry has played a key role in expanding matt:e's reach, driving interest from international markets, including South Africa—where electrical safety challenges are significant—as well as the USA and the Middle East.



Andrew Gausden

Andrew has over 40 years of experience working in a diverse range of engineering disciplines, which includes a 30-year career in the fire service as a fire protection engineering specialist. He has worked on the design and commissioning of a wide range of residential, commercial, industrial and infrastructure projects, including leading the National review of higher-risk residential premises in East Sussex in 2020-21.

He recently completed an MSc in Renewable Energy and a research project which focused on the deployment of alternative fuels and emerging energy sources, including hydrogen and lithium batteries, which are critical to support the transition to Net Zero.

Andrew worked on the national large-scale waste fire tests and the publication of WISH-28 and continues to work closely with the waste & recycling industry. He provides a leading role on several National fire safety committees and working groups.

Speaker Profiles



Jim Glocklin

Dr James Glockling is a Principal Fire Protection Engineer within the Naval Engineering Team of BMT, consultant, and is the current Chair of BSI FSH/16 'Hazards to life from fire'. He has a degree in Chemical Engineering and PhD in nuclear engineering. Following post-doctorate study, he worked as, a lecturer in Chemical Engineering and Fire Safety Engineering, a forensic fire investigator, and ran research laboratories at the Loss Prevention Council (LPC), Building Research Establishment (BRE), and the Fire Protection Association (FPA) where he ran the UK insurance research scheme, RISCAuthority. Jim's principal areas of expertise are in suppression and detection technologies and complex risk mitigation scenarios. Jim is also visiting Professor at the University of Central Lancashire and continues to work promoting resilience with the commercial built environment and maritime sectors. (LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/jim-glockling-15a9525)



Nick Lacey

Nick served 24 years in the fire service where he gained a reputation for high standards. Now as a fire safety professional, that valuable experience is being used to bust fire safety myths and promote a proportionate response to risk. Nick's work has led to him being shortlisted in this year's inaugural Fire Resilience Excellence Awards. For Nick, education and proportionality are at the heart of building trust for meaningful engagement.



Andrea White
Fire Engineer and Founder
of Women Talking Fire

Andrea White is an independent fire engineer and fire risk assessor, with her own consultancy – A W Fire Ltd. She is Founder and Director of the Women Talking Fire group, an independent women's networking and support group for the UK fire safety industry.



Matthew Hunt

Matthew Hunt is a highly experienced Electrical Engineer with over 35 years in the industry, having progressed from an apprentice to managing large-scale electrical and mechanical companies with teams of over 50 engineers.

Throughout his career, Matthew has been at the forefront of innovation, pioneering several groundbreaking technologies. Notably, he played a key role in developing advanced toroidal transformers for domestic voltage reduction and the award-winning PEN fault protection devices, O-PEN® and Guardian.

As a founding partner of matt:e Ltd., a British design and manufacturing company, Matthew has been instrumental in bringing these cutting-edge solutions to market. His passion lies in designing and developing technology that enhances energy efficiency and electrical safety.

His work has led to multiple patents and the deployment of over 120,000 safety devices in the electrical sector. The company's latest commercial solution represents a significant advancement in tall building safety, dramatically reducing the risk of fires in high-rise structures.



Chris Smith-Wong

Christopher is a Lead Standards development Manager within BSI's Built Environment sector, specialising in fire safety, fire safety engineering, and alarm and detection systems. Christopher joined the Built Environment Sector in 2014 and has managed committees in a multitude of areas.



Pete Davies

Pete has worked at Fireco for 13 years helping hundreds of customers deal with common fire safety problems such as door wedging and taking the weight out of heavy fire doors. He has extensive knowledge of wire free door retainment systems and relevant guidance and sits of the FIA's Door Control Task Group.



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Speaker Profiles



Monima Harrison

Monima Harrison is an award-winning risk professional with over 20 years' health, safety, quality, environment and fire safety experience across various industry sectors including real estate and built environment, construction, facilities management, Oil and Gas, education, consultancy, and manufacturing. He is a Chartered Fellow of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH). He holds a Bachelor degree in Marine Engineering and a Master's degree in Safety, Health and Environmental Management with Distinction. He also holds a NEBOSH Construction certificate with Distinction and NEBOSH HSE Certificate in Health and Safety Leadership Excellence.

He has managed diverse teams across 3 continents, adept at culture and purpose alignment. He knows and understands how to provide best value, strategic and operational leadership in health safety, quality and environment management at different levels. He is currently Director – Health Safety and Wellbeing (HSW) for Canary Wharf Group where he is leading the construction and management teams responsible for supporting, advising, guiding, and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of CWG Staff, Tenants, Occupiers, contractors, general public, business interests and assets.



Professor ED Galea

Professor ED Galea is the founding director of the Fire Safety Engineering Group (FSEG) of the University of Greenwich in London where he has worked in the area of Computational Fire Engineering (CFE) research since 1986. FSEG are developers of the EXODUS suite of evacuation software and the SMARTFIRE fire simulation software. He is the author of over 300 academic and professional publications and serves on a number of standards committees concerned with fire and evacuation for organisations such as; IMO, ISO, BSI and the SFPE Task Group on Human Behaviour in Fire.

He also sits on several UK Government committees concerned with civil defence. He has served on several major Inquires and legal cases as an expert in fire and evacuation including: the Paddington Rail Crash, the Swiss Air MD11 crash, the Admiral Duncan Pub bombing and is currently an expert serving on the Grenfell Tower Fire Inquiry. His work is applied to the building, aviation, maritime and rail industries.

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