



## Local Authority Health & Safety Conference

The Heritage Hotel, Killenard, Co. Laois  
13 & 14 May 2025

### Conference Agenda

**Day 1**      **Tuesday, 13 May 2025**

**08:45**      **Registration and Tea / Coffee**

**09:15**      **Opening from Conference Chair**  
Maggie O' Brien, Local Government Management Agency

**09:20**      **Welcoming Address**  
Michael Rainey, Chief Executive, Laois County Council

**09:35**      **Tackling Vehicle Risk and Some Insights from Inspections**  
Deirdre Sinnott McFeat, Senior Inspector, National Cross Sectoral Unit, Health & Safety Authority

**10:05**      **Uisce Éireann National Health and Safety Management System**  
Maura Kilcommons, Head of Safety, Uisce Éireann  
Finbarr Gubbins, Health & Safety Operations Senior Manager, Uisce Éireann

**10:40**      **Safety Around National Gas Pipelines**  
Brian Flynn, Technical Competency Training Manager, Gas Networks Ireland

**11:15**      **Tea / Coffee and Networking Break**

**11:45**      **Challenges Faced with Lithium Ion Batteries**  
Conor Leonard, Head of Batteries & Project Management, WEEE Ireland

**12:25**      **Emergency Response in Storms**  
Keith Leonard, National Director, National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management

**13:00**      **Lunch and Networking**

**14:00**      **Difficult and Aggressive Behaviour Management**  
John Brophy, Reidy Brophy Ltd.

**14:45**      **Fire Safety Workshop - An Overview of Evacuation Plans and an Approach with TGD-B in Reverse**  
Killian J. Hennessy, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Kilkenny County Council

**16:15**      **Conference Close**

**16:30**      **Visit to Emo Court and Estate**

**19:45**      **Pre-Dinner Meet & Greet in the Garden Room & Courtyard**

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**Day 2**      **Wednesday, 14 May 2025**

**10:00**      **Welcome / Conference Chair**

**10:05**      **IPB Insurance & IES Update**  
Jeannine Tanner, Senior Risk Advisor & Ivor Heavey, Senior Engineer

**10:35**      **Implementing ISO 45001 – Shared Experiences of Local Authorities**

**11:15**      **Tea / Coffee and Networking Break**

**11:40**      **The Role of Exercise in Optimising Health**  
Professor Niall Moyna, Exercise and Fitness Clinical Exercise Physiologist, School of Health and Human Performance, Dublin City University

**12:20**      **Mental Fitness Approach to Health & Wellbeing**  
Neil O'Brien, 'The Mental Fitness Coach', Motivational & Performance Speaker and Author of 'Time to Fly'

**13:20**      **Lunch**