

Water Safety Conference 2017

RoSPA, in conjunction with Water Safety Scotland, will be organising a conference to launch the draft response to the National Water Safety Forum's (NWSF) UK Drowning Prevention Strategy. The event will take place at the Scottish Story Telling Centre in Edinburgh and will be a full day event. This conference will be free to attend and all catering will be included thanks to contributions from various organisations.

The aim of the conference is to promote the work of Water Safety Scotland to meet its outcome of reducing water-related deaths by 50% by 2026.

The draft programme is as follows (and may be subject to change):

09.30 Arrival and refreshments

10.00 Welcome from the Chair – Tom Mullarkey, RoSPA CEO

10.10 Scottish Parliament Ministerial representation – to be invited

10.25 Gillian Barclay – *“The impact of a drowning – one family’s journey”* (confirmed)

10.40 Michael Avril, Chair of Water Safety Scotland – the Scottish response to the national strategy (confirmed)

11.00 Refreshments

11.20 Mike Tipton – Cold Water Shock (confirmed)

11.40 Examples of good practice – Education (confirmed), Policy (confirmed), Suicide (confirmed), Recreation (TBC).

12.40 Q and A

13.00 Lunch

14.00 A victim’s story (TBC)

14.15 John Powell – The Global Picture (confirmed)

14.45 Dave Walker – Inland Water Safety (confirmed)

15.05 George Baggley – The fire service role (confirmed)

15.25 Feedback, discussion, next steps

15.45 Close