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### Rob Burgon



*"I like to bring reality into everything I do. This is easier for me because of my business background. I know how to operate a successful company and also that success is enhanced by having a safe and healthy workforce."*

#### **When did you start with RoSPA and what is your role?**

I started in July 2010, initially as the Workplace Safety Team Leader and have progressed to Workplace Safety Manager. I am responsible for all trainers and consultants, both employed and associates. I also head the team of Customer Service Advisors.

#### **Where did you work/study before joining RoSPA?**

Before I trained to become a health and safety professional, I was managing director of my own company and the health and safety director of another. This has given me expert knowledge of real business situations. I operated as part of a health and safety team at a university and worked for a private training and consultancy firm before joining RoSPA.

#### **What are your primary areas of expertise?**

I deliver training courses such as the NEBOSH Diploma and many others including the NEBOSH International General Certificate, which I taught in Equatorial Guinea!

#### **Which area(s) of health and safety interest you the most?**

Behavioural Safety, plus Health and Safety Policy. These are key areas that companies need to be compliant with. I have a passion for health and safety in all areas of life, not just the workplace, but also at home, in education and in leisure.

#### **Where have you travelled while working for RoSPA?**

Through RoSPA I have travelled throughout Europe, West and North Africa, as well as UAE, Tanzania, Equatorial Guinea, Qatar and Oman. Some of these visits were consultancy, some were to deliver training and I have also acted as a speaker at events such as the Occupational Health and Safety Conference in Muscat, Oman.



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### Roy McKee



*"I have a real passion for health and safety and my role, I get a true sense of achievement and job satisfaction where I believe that my training or consultancy work has made a difference to individuals and organisations, and I believe that this is why I'm successful in my role."*

#### **How long have you worked for RoSPA?**

I've worked for RoSPA for just under a year and am really enjoying the challenges and the cross sector of industries and people that I've worked with during this time.

#### **Where did you work/study before joining RoSPA?**

I have 12 years experience working within the construction industry. I started off working as a carpenter and through a mixture of studies and employment with various organisations worked my way into health and safety management.

I also spent five years in Asia teaching English as a second language to students of all ages and levels.

I have worked in various roles but predominantly health and safety consultancy, training and managerial positions. This has provided me with experience within the construction, manufacturing, education and telecommunications sectors.

#### **What are your primary areas of expertise?**

My background is largely construction based. I have a degree in construction management, as well as many years' experience in this area.

However, since moving into health and safety I now deliver a lot of manual handling courses, risk assessments and accident investigation courses.

#### **Which area(s) of health and safety interest you the most?**

I'm really interested in behavioural safety and the interaction between health and safety management systems and how they are perceived, implemented and adhered to by those actually carrying out the work.

I am also very interested in fire safety and accident investigation as both of these have a link with behavioural safety.

#### **Where have you travelled while working for RoSPA? Mostly in the UK or abroad?**

I've travelled around the UK and Europe delivering health and safety training for RoSPA but I'm now largely West Midlands based as I have a young son who takes up most of my free time.



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### Ian Whyte



*"I bring to the arena a wide breadth of practical experience from my previous job roles and from the wide variety of locations at which I have been fortunate to work at with RoSPA."*

#### **How long have you worked for RoSPA?**

I joined ROSPA on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1996 and my role includes training and consultancy on a wide range of subjects within commerce and industry

#### **Where did you work/study before joining RoSPA?**

Immediately before joining RoSPA I worked at Rolls Royce aerospace in the Derby group of factories as an Engineering skills trainer at their Mickleover training centre. This role expanded over time and I took on the role of H&S trainer alongside my engineering role and also managed the FLT training programme which was carried out by RR personnel. My role took me to various other RR sites in the UK and I was part of a sales team where I went to Guangzhou to provide training at China Airways Academy.

I also worked in South Africa for a Swedish tooling company in their tool room making specialised tools for the gold mine and railway industries.

I worked for some time as a maintenance fitter at a power station where my role was the maintenance and repair of the coal plant.

I attended Derby University where I studied Mechanical Engineering

#### **What are your primary areas of expertise?**

My core skills are in the practical elements of safety management where I provide guidance and training on areas such as Abrasive Wheels, Manual Handling, Fire Safety, Workplace Transport etc

I have recently produced the NEBOSH general certificate and the Fire Safety & Risk management course that are being attended by prospective H&S professionals.

#### **Which area(s) of health and safety interest you the most?**

The main areas of interest for me are the skills based courses as I have developed a hands-on approach to the courses and consultancy that I provide to our clients. This is enhanced by the wide and varied membership and client base of RoSPA

#### **Where have you travelled while working for RoSPA? Mostly in the UK or abroad?**

My main area of activity is mainland UK but I have worked in a number of the main islands surrounding the UK coast and spent some time working on a gas rig in the North Sea where I delivered training to the crew during their tour offshore.

I travel to Southern Ireland several times a year, to carry out "train the trainer" courses on Abrasive Wheels Setting where we are the preferred training provider of FAS [www.fas.ie](http://www.fas.ie) who oversee safety training in the Republic of Ireland. I have also carried out training in mainland Europe e.g. Turkey and Malta.



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### Bernie Cerrino



*“I strongly believe that courses should be modified to meet the needs of each individual company”*

#### **How long have you worked for RoSPA?**

I have worked at RoSPA since 2002.

#### **Where did you work/study before joining RoSPA?**

I worked for a small consultancy for two years prior to joining RoSPA. Before that I was an engineer in the RAF for 22 years. This provided me with an excellent background in health and safety. I gained my NEBOSH Diploma qualifications before I left the RAF.

#### **What are your primary areas of expertise?**

I carry out Quality Safety Audits for a number of blue chip clients throughout the UK. Additionally, I carry out noise assessments for a wide range of clients. I am a trained noise assessor, recognised by the Institute of Acoustics. The majority of my time is spent training candidates in the NEBOSH Diploma and Certificate courses. I also deliver bespoke training courses in clients' premises.

#### **Which area(s) of health and safety interest you the most?**

I find all areas of health and safety interesting, in particular engineering and construction. I recently achieved a Masters degree in Occupational Health and Safety Management

#### **Where have you travelled while working for RoSPA? Mostly in the UK or abroad?**

I work primarily in the UK and travel throughout the country. I have also worked in Qatar carrying out Health and Safety Reviews.



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### Nathan Davis



***“I wrote the NEBOSH International Certificate for RoSPA and tailored it for BP. In addition, I wrote Safety at Inland Water Sites risk assessment training and have tailored this for many local councils and organisations.”***

#### **How long have you worked for RoSPA?**

I recently completed ten years of service.

#### **Where did you work/study before joining RoSPA?**

I completed a BSC in environmental health, and then worked for ARCO, selling personal protective equipment (PPE). After this, I moved into health and safety management with GlaxoSmithKline, managing a team of health and safety professionals. I then moved into consultancy and have worked with a huge range of organisations through National Britannia (now Santia) and Atkins, where I was a senior safety consultant

#### **What are your primary areas of expertise?**

I consider my knowledge of the management systems and the wider demands on organisations a key strength. Organisations rely on my broad technical knowledge and my ability to communicate, reach agreements and create effective solutions. Having worked in the occupational and leisure fields, I have significant experience in identification of the

true risks and demands placed on organisations.

#### **Which area(s) of health and safety interest you the most?**

My main area of interest is cutting through the raft of theories and guidance available and producing practical solutions. I enjoy identifying the correct balance of legal, practical and economic demands to allow individuals and organisations to manage their risks successfully. The demands on those who run very diverse organisations make for a particularly interesting challenge. As does working with those who run activities with and for the public.

#### **Where have you travelled while working for RoSPA? Mostly in the UK or abroad?**

I have travelled widely around Europe for clients, but the majority of my work is UK based.

