

GHSL UPDATE

September 2022



our team:

L to R; Debbie Bridge; Millie Thompson, Lance Goodall (Director), Braden Lister, Anita McGhie-Filkins

SUMMER INTERN RECRUITMENT

Debbie has recently completed the recruitment for the 6th GHSL intern programme. The candidates were of a high calibre, with 13 agencies taking part this year across both Wellington and Auckland. We have some exciting events lined up this year, including meeting with Minister Michael Wood, and a day trip looking at the health and safety involved in running a zoo! The combination of in person and online sessions worked so well last year, we're offering the same to this year's group, allowing them to have some bite sized sessions on things from risk, PCBU's and overlapping duties, and mentally healthy work. Our team is excited to welcome them all on the 21 November and develop them into the H&S advisors of the future.

For those of you who haven't previously had an intern, think about including this in your plans for next year, including budgeting for the \$13,000 cost

NATIONAL EVENTS

Mental Health Awareness Week 26 September - 2 October 2022



Mental Health Awareness Week is this week. This year's theme is **Reconnect** - with the people and places that lift you up. The Mental Health Foundation has prepared some great resources that can be downloaded or printed out.

It's Mental health awareness week, running to 2nd of October. The theme this year is RECONNECT - with friends, family, places, community, nature. The GHSL is going to take time out to share a meal together, where we will no doubt discuss our favourite topic of food and share some obligatory Dad Jokes. What are you doing as an organisation? But further than that, are you considering how you can build it in to your everyday work? We have been working on understanding how we are all different personalities with different approaches to discussing issues and thinking about how we can build allowance for that into our day-to-day work.

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Let us help you promote your H&S Vacancies

Calling all public sector agencies - If you have any H&S vacancies that you are looking to fill, why not send us the details so we can promote them through our GHSL LinkedIn and website pages. We are often told by people we work with that they are looking for the next challenge, ready to take the next step in their H&S careers, so we can also provide them with direct links to roles where we know you are recruiting. Get in touch with us at ghsl@mpi.govt.nz or Debbie on 022 013 4884.

Officer Development

The GHSL Officer Development Programme, run by the Institute of Directors, continues to be well received and we now have over 200 senior leaders who have now completed the programme. That said, we know there are many more leaders who would benefit from formal training around their officer duties. This training has been recognised to be extremely helpful to for leaders to ensure they have a clear understanding of their governance and management responsibilities, understand the sorts of risks their workers face and provides tangible evidence that their knowledge and skills are up to date as required under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA). We urgently are looking for participants for the next two cohorts:

- **Course 7** – is being run in Wellington, across two half day sessions - Thursday 2nd November and 29th November, 8:30am - 1pm.
- **Course 8** - is being run in Auckland, across two half day sessions - Thursday 20th October and 24th November, 8:30am - 1pm.

Please encourage your Executive Team members, any Tier 3 managers with a significant span of control, Heads of Human Resources and Heads of Health and Safety to register your interest by emailing ghsl@mpi.govt.nz.