



Members present:

Salim Abuzeid, Shirley Allen-Fletcher, Angela Anderson, Helen Barnsley, Tanya Chalkley, Mark Cummins, Sarah Dickson, Andrew Flisher, Joe Fullbrook, Laura Gruare, Jordon Hall, David Heath, David Hoynes, Kevin Isles, Myra Kelly, Ting Pong Simon Lui, David Milne, Mavis Nye, Graham Parker, Tyrone Partridge, Julian Penny, Jim Prowse, Steve Pulling, Sian Roberts, Steve Rogers, Jane Rown, Manoj Sarwal, Alistair Scott, Grant Skinner, Chris Stone, Jide Talabi, Jen Toner, Michael Walton.

Apologies: Christine Williamson.

Branch presentation

James (Jimmy) Quinn gave a talk on his experience as a member of the army and his second career as a Health & Safety manager and immediate past president of IOSH .

Questions to Jimmy

- 1) What advice would you give ex- service personnel on how to adapt to the less structured life in civil street when they first leave?
A - Speak to people in IOSH - get to your IOSH branch and learn from fellow members, use your local networking.
- 2) When top brass appears on a site the way they act causes others to react in a certain way and perhaps not challenge them when they should. How do you challenge client members when they do the same but breach a H&S item?
A - Take the management route – have they been inducted? Top brass need to appreciate they set the standards.
- 3) What differentiates ex service personnel from their civilian counterparts and what is the advantage of employing them?
A – They bring a set of skills not common to most – they know about rules and conforming. They are motivated by discipline. They know about routine. They have the skill to embed team spirit.
- 4) 5 years ago there was a move to centralise anything to do with members. With the change in Senior Leadership of the Chair and CEO, has that focus changed to be more network lead?
A – The change has been slow and is still ongoing – not there yet. The networks conference for volunteers is a step forward.

“I just wanted to say thank you and that I and many of the veterans especially the BRB element are very proud of you and your achievements congratulations, hopefully catch up with you at some stage in the future, all the very best”.

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<https://iosh.com/membership/our-membership-network/our-branches/thames-valley-branch/>

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