Getting to Know You
An update from the Safety Futures Initiative



Zoe Garstang, lead for the Safety Futures Initiative (SFI), gives an update on the progress made by the SFI and provides details of future events.

Get To Know You Event

On the 1st of July 2021, the Safety Futures Initiative (SFI) held their first virtual engagements to showcase the group, its aims, and gather the input of prospective members to understand the elements that they would like to see from the SFI. There were two events held over Zoom; one at lunchtime and one in the evening to maximise availability.

Each event began with an ice breaker activity to learn more about the attendees in the session, followed by an overview of the SFI and then the floor was opened to questions and comments from the delegates as part of a brainstorming session. The brainstorming was a successful activity, and a number of great suggestions were put forward – from mentoring schemes to technical and career workshops. The suggestions either reinforced the need for existing ideas or gave the SFI new food for thought to take forward.

As a result of the positive feedback following these 'Get to Know You' events, the SFI will be holding regular lunchtime sessions (12:00-13:00) for new and existing SFI members to network and discuss any aspect of the SFI in a welcoming and safe environment.

The next "Get To Know You" events will take place on 24th November 2021

If you are interested in attending any of these free events, please sign up via the link below. A more detailed agenda will be sent to registered delegates nearer to each event.

Looking Ahead

Activities within the SFI are picking up. The current projects include developing a series of podcasts on career and technical topics, as well as working on our first workshop to support members in developing technical and/or soft skills. The SFI is also working closely with the SCSC Steering Group to develop the club's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion strategy.

If you would like access to these upcoming events and resources, please consider following the SFI via the link: https://scsc.uk/gf

If there is anything you would like to see from the SFI, in order to support Early Career Professionals, please do get in touch with the SFI – all suggestions are welcome. Also, if you would like to contribute to the management of the SFI, please do make your interest known to us at: zoe.garstang@scsc.uk

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