



International Occupational Hygiene Association

Soft skills to support occupational hygiene technical skills

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Abstract

As professionals, we should always strive to do the best job possible by becoming the best version of ourselves. In doing so, we support our organization, clients, colleagues, the wider public, and ourselves by making a meaningful difference and helping to reduce the risk of ill health. Technical robustness is essential. Applying sound science enables us to generate reliable data, which in turn allows us to make informed decisions about reducing exposure risks and preventing ill health. However, all of our work is not solely technical. It involves working with others, building trust, communicating effectively, listening to feedback, asking the right questions, and understanding others. These elements form the “art” of occupational hygiene. We must engage both sides of our brain: the analytical and the artistic. Building these interpersonal skills helps us grow into the best version of ourselves in the workplace. Often referred to as “soft” or “leadership” skills, they allow us to be the total professional. During this webinar, we’ll explore some of these skills in an interactive way, allowing you to take the learning back to your workplace and continue making a difference.

Webinar Instructor



Alex is a passionate Chartered Occupational hygienist with over 20 years’ experience working in the iron & steel, chemical and aerospace and power systems sectors. He has been an active member of the profession, mainly via the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS), but also internationally. He is a proud Chartered Member of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene. His current role as Group Head of Health at Johnson Matthey gives him a wide supporting role assisting the global business in implementing good health risk management practice through working in the Group EHS team.

Alex’s special interests cover a wide range of topic areas including hand arm vibration, noise, chemical exposure, asbestos, legionella, and strategy. Alex holds a 1st class BSc in Environmental Science (majoring in Occupational Hygiene) from the University of Bradford, and an MSc in Workplace Health from the University of Nottingham. Over the last decade, the aspect of soft skills has become a keen focus, exploring how we can all become better professionals.

Alex is a Past President of the BOHS and supported the BOHS Board for 13 years. He was awarded the Thomas Bedford Medal in 2025 for outstanding contribution to worker health protection and the profession. He is also very proud to be a founding team member of the Emerging Leaders Institute, which held its first intake at the IOHA 2024 conference in Dublin and was recently awarded the Peter Hewitt International Innovation award.

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