

NEC People – State of the Industry (and a look to the future)

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Conference Agenda – Morning Session

- 08.00** Registration, coffee and bacon rolls
- 09.15** **Introduction to Conference (Matthew Smith/Glenn Hide)**
 An introduction to the day's proceedings from the lead sponsor K&L Gates welcoming attendees to this year's event
- 09.30** **Practical Early Warnings (Jon Broome)**
 In this session, Jon will briefly cover what the contract says about early warnings and where the clauses operation falls down in practice. He will then suggest some practical guidelines opening it up to the audience for critique and improvement. Jon will then look at the integration of early warnings coming 'up' through the supply chain and with risks coming 'down' from the use of risk registers and other tools as beloved by the risk management profession. Delegates should come away with a much better idea of how to operate the clauses in practice for their projects' benefit.
- 10.00** **Is my NEC Contract Healthy? People, Profit and Process (Andy Thompson)**
 What does a healthy NEC project look like? Can that be measured? This session proposes that the answer to those questions is contained in 3 P's, which all interact.
 - People - without people there is no project
 - Profit - the purpose of a project is to facilitate something growing. In NEC worlds that means different things for the Client, the Contractor, and the People.
 - Process - hard measures of whether things are done as they should be.
- 10.30** **NEC, Ground Conditions and Geotechnical Baseline Reports (Barry Trebes and Richard Patterson)**
 This presentation considers the challenges faced the risk allocation in 60.1(12) We will look at how the 'baselines' in a Geotechnical Baseline Report (GBR) are a more objective approach geotechnical risk allocation and how the GBR can be included in an NEC Engineering and Construction Contract.
- 11.00** Tea/coffee break
- 11.25** **Z clauses: Clarity or Curse? (Nicola Ellis)**
 This session will take a look at the effective drafting of Z clauses and bespoke amendments to the NEC suite. It will look at how to avoid common pitfalls in drafting and the problems that can be created by excessive or inconsistent Z clauses which play around with the risk profile.
- 12.00** **Lower Thames Crossing project with National Highways (Kat Ferguson)**
 A look at how National Highways are utilising NEC contracts to manage this project and also a look at how they are looking to drive carbon out of construction and how they're incentivising the supply chain to come on the journey with them.
- 12.40** **Want to know what clause 10.3 should say? (Yosof Ewing)**
 Our industry is broken and needs to be healed. Our people have been broken and need to be healed. There is a solution.
- 13.10** Lunch

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Conference Agenda – Afternoon Session

14.10 State of the industry review (Neil Earnshaw and Glenn Hide)

Following our detailed survey this year to group members, the results will be sharing some of the important findings and suggesting as an industry how we can continue to evolve and improve upon where we currently are.

14.40 A 4D view of disputes: (Hezron Rickets and AN Other)

A new take on dispute resolution and how technology can help resolving true entitlement when considering delays.

15.10 Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) – what does it mean for our industry (Simon Fraser)

Simon will pose a series of questions to the audience as to how A.I. could shape the management of our projects in the future.

15.30 Coffee break

15.50 Who wants to be an NEC millionaire (Chris Woodbridge)

After the success of last year we are back just for one round of our very special edition of Who Wants to be a Millionaire, with contestants chosen from the audience to play and win up to £500 for charity. All questions will be related to NEC contracts and there will be some lifelines available including the “ask the audience” and “phone an expert”. Audience will also be joining in to see who is the best expert in the room!

16.15 Question Time Panel: Jon Broome, Neil Earnshaw, Nicola Ellis, Barry Trebes, Andy Thompson, Richard Patterson

Your chance to ask questions of the panel of experts about any of their presentations or any other aspect of NEC contracts generally.

17.10 Close

17.15 -19.15 Drinks reception for all attendees

Attendees are invited to join sponsors/speakers to a cocktail reception for drinks.