



**Workplace Health
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Northern Ireland

Series of 5 Webinars Workplace Mental Health

Every - Thursday 15th April to Thursday 13th May
2.30 - 4.00 pm



	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
Thursday 15th April	Why the workplace has a vital role to play in promoting mental health awareness.	Workplace Mental Health Awareness Marina McCully, <i>Head of Service Development,</i> Aware
Thursday 22nd April	How to adopt/implement HSENI's Management Standards for work related stress (incl home working).	Managing Mental Health When Working From Home Claire Kelly, Selina Casey & David Beck <i>Mental Wellbeing at Work Advisors,</i> HSENI
Thursday 29th April	Mental Health First Aid in the workplace. Prevention is always better than cure.	Mental Health First Aid Helen Gibson, <i>Regional Co-ordinator</i> <i>Mental & Emotional Wellbeing & Suicide Prevention Training,</i> PHA
Thursday 6th May	How an organisation supports an employee through a mental ill health journey (inc return to work).	Supporting employee wellbeing in challenging times - the Mindful Manager's toolkit Rachael Power, <i>Works Manager,</i> Action Mental Health
Thursday 13th May	Looking forward - the 5 simple steps to maintain and improve your employees' wellbeing.	Take Five Steps to Wellbeing Professor Siobhan O'Neill, NI's Mental Health Champion

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All webinars are free

Who should attend

Health & Safety Personnel/Occupational Health Professionals/Wellbeing Practitioners/Occupational Hygienists/HR Personnel/Employee Champions/Health and Safety Representatives/Other employers/employees with an interest in workplace health and wellbeing.

How to register your attendance

The webinars are being facilitated by NI Safety Group who are one of the Workplace Health Leadership Group's partners.

Individual flyers will be produced for each webinar and these will be distributed by both the partner as well as other supporting organisations. Do feel free to disseminate the flyers to those that you feel would have an interest in the topic.

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Other points

The speakers are happy to answer questions during the webinar.

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The Workplace Health Leadership Group would like to thank the speakers for giving of their valuable time to cover such an important topic.

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Webinar Workplace Mental Health Awareness

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Furthermore, the number of lost days to the Northern Ireland economy was estimated to be 373,000 during the same period.

Add COVID-19 and this becomes a pretty potent mix that employers can't just ignore.

As Head of Service Development for Aware, Marina McCully is all too conscious of the win win for both employers and employees, of good mental health at work.

During her presentation Marina will cover:-

- What is Mental Health?
- Mental Health at work
- Spotting signs and symptoms of stress and depression
- A work life balance strategy
- Looking after your own mental health
- How to find help
- Q & A

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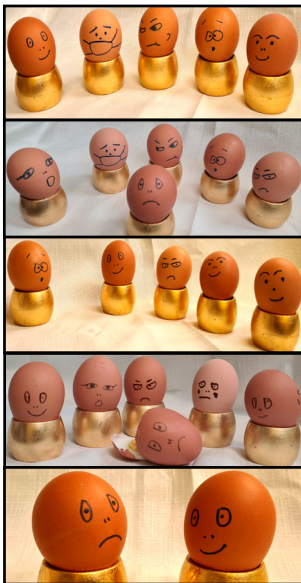
Marina joined AWARE in 2013, as part of the education team. She is passionate about Mental health education and how by recognising early signs and symptoms of poor mental health we can positively impact communities and future services. Having previously been a self-employed business owner.

With a background in HR, personal development training and small business management, Marina continually promotes mental health and wellbeing and has been a practising holistic therapist since 2006.

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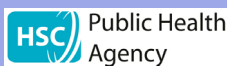
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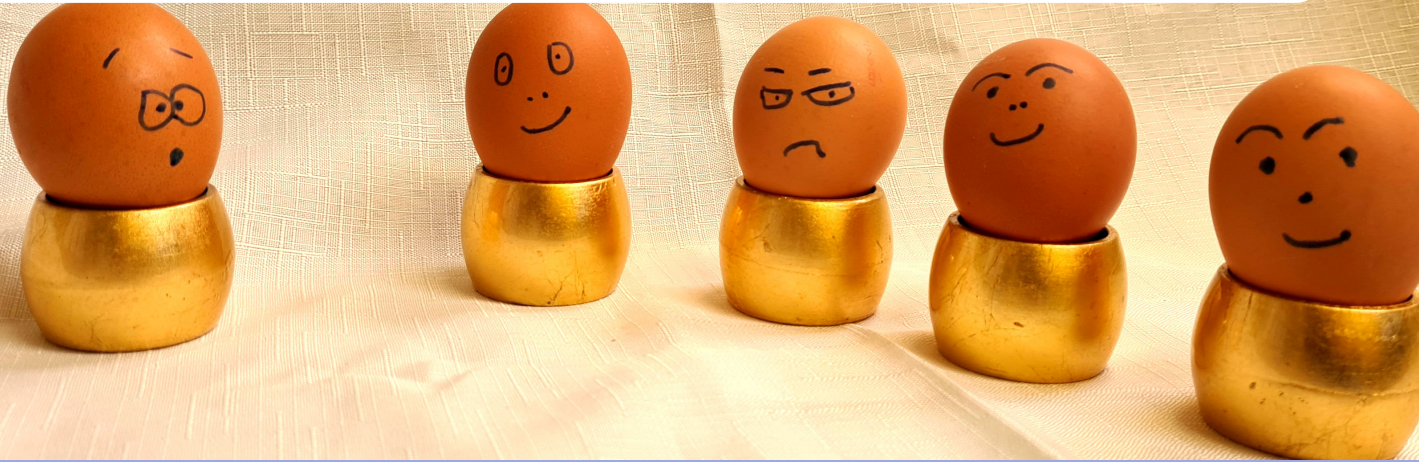


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Webinar Managing Mental Health When Working From Home

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Working from home has come into its own during the pandemic. Some employers have found this beneficial whilst others have struggled with it. Either way home working became the norm in 2020 and has the potential for becoming standard practice in the future.

Employee stress doesn't just disappear if an employee isn't on site.

The HSENI Management Standards for work-related stress provide the framework for organisations to manage stress in the workplace.

What is new is the 'working from home' element that all employers have had to grapple with since the start of the pandemic.

The presentation will focus on the role and actions to be taken by both employer and employee. It will also feature a new document being worked on by HSENI which simplifies the process for both parties.

Topics include

- Emotional well-being
- Physical health
- Support networks
- Work-life balance
- Mental well-being
- Work environment

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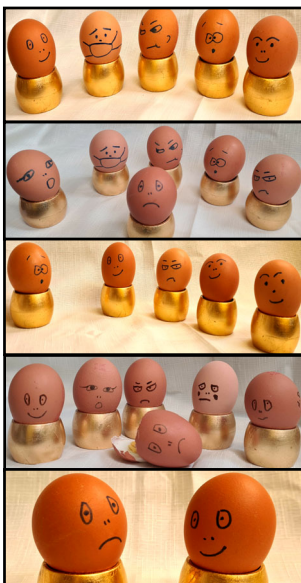
SPEAKER'S bios

Selina Casey is a Mental Wellbeing work advisor at HSENI and her role is risk assessing and raising awareness on mental wellness in the workplace. Prior to this Selina worked as a Suicide Prevention Facilitator.

Clare Kelly joined HSENI in 2009 and worked as a Business Advisor mentoring small businesses in the implementation of Health and Safety Management systems. Claire took up her role as a Mental Wellbeing work advisor in 2017 and has received accreditations in the areas of Health and Wellbeing, and Delivery of Stress Management Training.

David Beck joined HSENI in 2004 and has worked in a number of areas such as communications and legislation. He took up his role as a mental well-being at work advisor in 2019. David has a NEBOSH Certificate in the Management of Health and Well-being at Work and a level 5 diploma in Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness accredited by the Counselling & Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body

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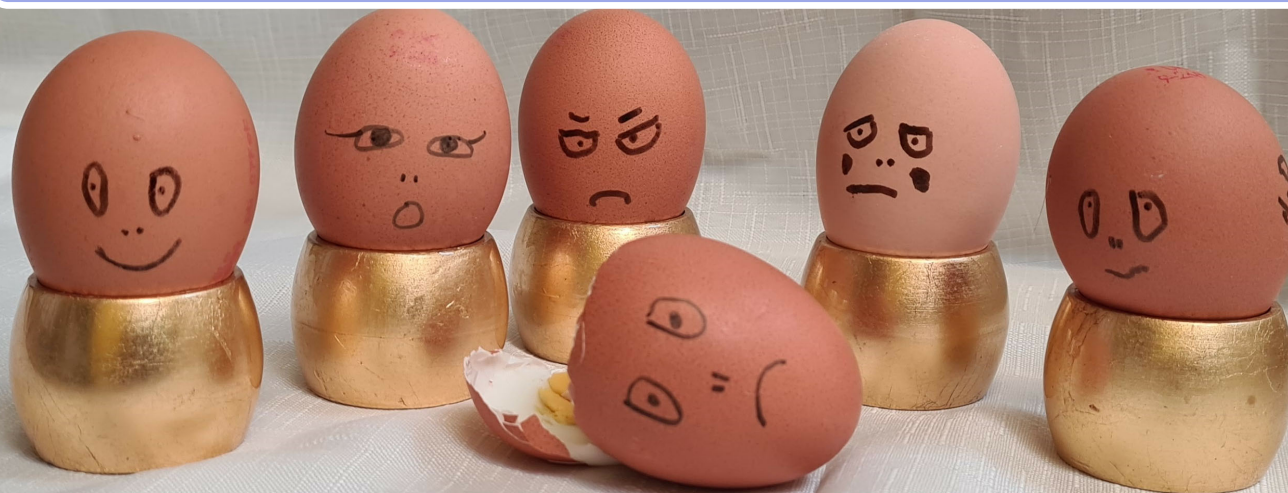
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The Mental Health First Aid Programme was first developed in Australia by Betty Kitchener and Anthony Jorm in 2000. Since then it has spread to many other countries including Northern Ireland.

The term is now well bedded into health and safety culture as organisations have realised the benefits it can have for both employers and employees.

Unfortunately, many managers generally don't know how to recognise mental health problems or what help is available.

Helen Gibson is the Regional Co-ordinator for Mental & Emotional Wellbeing & Suicide Prevention Training in the Public Health Agency. In her presentation she'll cover

- What is Mental Health First Aid?
- Why Mental Health First Aid?
- Introducing Mental Health First Aid into your workplace
- How to recruit Mental Health First Aiders in the workplace
- How can Mental Health First Aiders be supported in the workplace?
- Q & A

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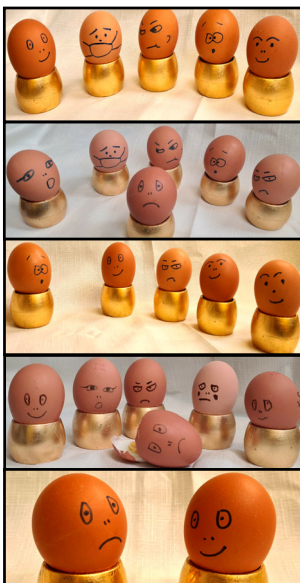


Helen Gibson transferred from the Health & Social Care Board into the Public Health Agency (PHA) in 2009.

In 2011 Helen was appointed Regional Training Lead for Mental and Emotional Health and Wellbeing & Suicide Prevention. In this role Helen has regional responsibility for the development, implementation, promoting and evaluating of mental and emotional health and wellbeing and suicide prevention training, in line with Regional Strategies and Action Plans.

Helen is the Regional Director for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) NI and works closely with Regional MHFA Directors nationally and internationally. Locally, Helen works closely with the statutory, education, churches, sports bodies, frontline and community/voluntary sectors to promote and support positive mental and emotional health and wellbeing and suicide prevention training.

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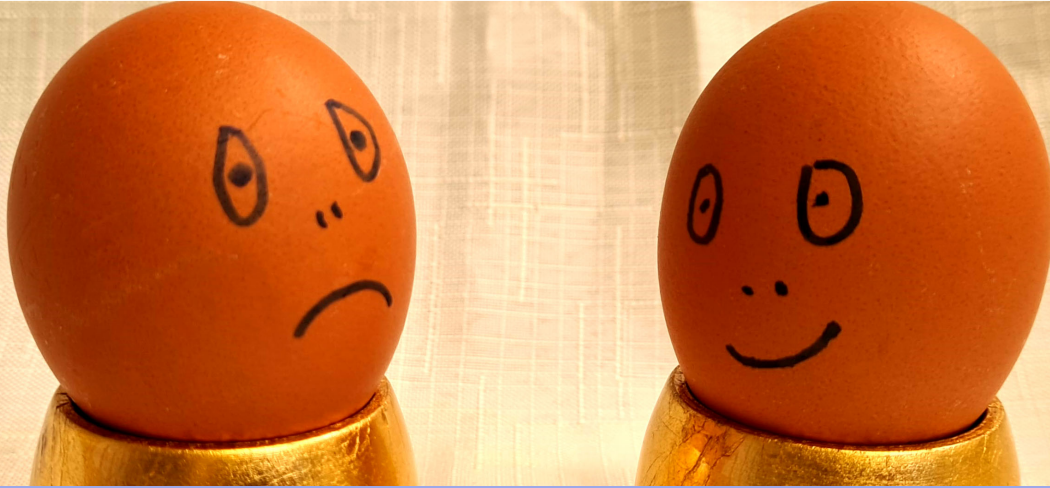
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Supporting employee wellbeing in challenging times - *the Mindful Manager's toolkit*

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Speaker: Rachael Power, Works Manager, Action Mental Health



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A common phrase used during the pandemic is that employees say *"They now feel like they're Living at Work rather than Working from Home"*. This is unsurprising since barely a year ago words like lockdown and home schooling were largely absent from an employee's vocabulary.

Nevertheless employees still need to be managed, no matter where they are located. This has added extra strains to managers and supervisors on top of their workload.

Action Mental Health realised this early on and developed what they call a 'Mindful Manager Toolkit' and Rachael Power from Action Mental Health will outline how this works during her presentation including:-

- Understanding the difference between healthy pressure, and stress
- Mental health across the UK following COVID and how it affects staff
- Tips on managing your 'working from home' team
- Strategies for supporting mental health

- Approaching a difficult conversation
- The Mindful Manager model - a simple and practical tool to guide your conversations and support
- Sources of support
- Q&A

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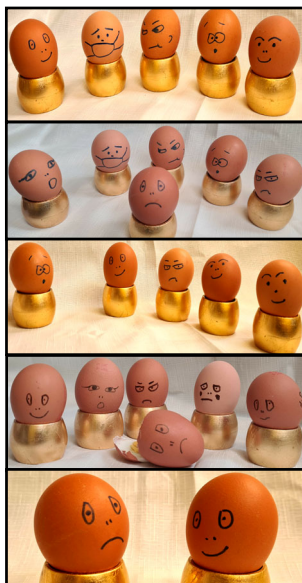
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SPEAKER bio

Rachael began her career as a teacher but then moved into education roles within the Charity Voluntary sector. She has gained a wealth of experience from working across many different areas of the sector including, homelessness, community development, good relations and social housing. Outside of work Rachael is an advocate for Mental Health and hosts a podcast called "And How Did That Make You Feel" where she interviews guests about their experiences in therapy and counselling to try and normalise talking openly about mental health. Rachael Power has recently been appointed as AMH Works Manager at Action Mental Health.



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UK wide research by the Centre for Mental Health states that the average employee takes seven days off sick each year of which 40 per cent are for mental health problems.

Speaker Siobhan O'Neill is Professor of Mental Health Sciences at Ulster University. She is also Northern Ireland's Mental Health Champion and one of Northern Ireland's leading experts in the field.

We are delighted that she has agreed to talk about the challenges facing employers. During her talk Professor O'Neill will cover:-

- Origins of Take 5 and the evidence base
- What does the science tell us about what works to improve our mental health?

- Top tips for simple things individuals can do to maintain good mental health
- The benefits of applying Take 5 to all our lives
- Mental health and wellbeing for leaders
- How employers can promote the programme
- Why Take 5 is important in the 'new' normal
- Signposting to sources of information
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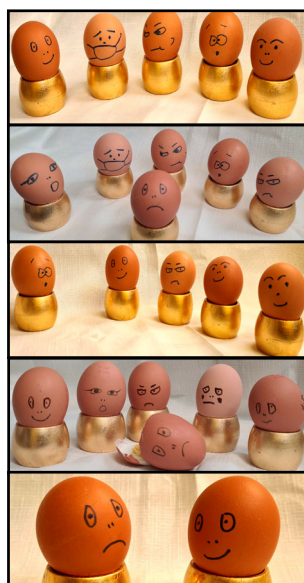
Siobhan O'Neill is a Professor of Mental Health Sciences at Ulster University, and Interim Mental Health Champion for Northern Ireland. Her research programmes focus on trauma, mental illness, and suicidal behaviour in Northern Ireland, and the transgenerational transmission of trauma.



She is now on a mission as the Mental Health Champion to improve the mental health of the people of NI by promoting evidence-based services and care for those who suffer from mental illness and suicidal thoughts.

As Interim Mental Health Champion for Northern Ireland, she will advise and assist in the promotion of mental health and wellbeing through all policies and services throughout the province. Her role is as a public advocate for mental health, and to be a voice for those otherwise voiceless. Her goal is to communicate the collective voices of people with lived experience, and their families and carers, and to advocate for communities impacted by mental health inequalities.

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