



USP

UNIVERSAL SAFETY PRACTITIONERS

Practice Portfolio

CDM 2015: Principal Designer Duty Holder
Project Health and Safety Advisor

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"People Buy People"

It is often said that in business, "People Buy People".

Over the years in the Health and Safety industry, our approach and personality has demonstrated this ethos to be true.

Since the company's inception in 2012, our approach has always been to strive to 'be the difference' that our clients have been looking for in a Health and Safety consultancy.

As the company has developed, we have found that being a consummate professional will only get you so far.

We have experienced that companies of all sizes are looking for people they want to work with and people with shared professionalism, passion and purpose."

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Kevin Kerin - Managing Director

Meet the Team



Kevin Kerin *CMIOSH, IMAPS, MIIRSM, OSHCR*
Managing Director

Kevin is a Chartered Safety and Health professional (CMIOSH) with over 27 years' experience in Health and Safety Management. He is also a Principal Designer; holding Registered Membership of the Association of Project Safety (RMaPS) as well as a qualified trainer.

Since becoming a Health and Safety professional, Kevin has gained experience across a wide spectrum of industries both nationally and internationally on a range of diverse industry environments.

Prior to a career in Health and Safety, Kevin spent over 8 years in HM Forces.

Kevin's passion for Health and Safety comes from a belief that investing in people is the key to maintaining a safe and healthy working environment.



Stuart Hall *CMIOSH, OSHCR*
Senior Consultant

Stuart is a Chartered Safety and Health professional (CMIOSH) with over 15 years of experience in the construction industry, of which, 12 have been in Safety and Health Management.

Stuart has an active client facing role with an excellent understanding of Health and Safety Legislation and experience across several sectors. He is able to provide a clear and concise explanation of requirements for general and specific concerns whilst providing cost effective and realistic solutions to issues.

Stuart's pragmatic approach ensures that he builds strong relationships enabling him to identify core issues quickly, this is highlighted through his relationships with clients working in the Construction and Retail industries.

Meet the Team



Garry Yates *MIIRSM, Tech IOSH, AaPS, PgCert*
Consultant

Garry has over 20 years' experience in health and safety working in national, private industries and local government authority involving civil engineering, public analyst laboratory, warehousing and logistics.

During the 20 years, he has carried out a number of roles in the health and safety field such as; Health and Safety Advisor, Manager, Consultant, carrying out Site audits, inspections, fire risk assessments, compliance audits, management system development and audits for third party certification and CDM duty roles for civil engineering and building projects large and small, with some contracts in excess of £125M.

Garry takes a pragmatic approach to health and safety enabling clients to comply with legislation and regulations without creating a bureaucratic system. He is also a lead assessor for OHSAS18001 and ISO9001 management systems.



Andy Batson
Consultant

Andy is a Graduate Safety and Health professional in Health and Safety. He is also a trainer and has over 13 years' experience in Health and Safety Management.

Over these 13 years Andy has gained valuable experience within construction and maintenance of both residential and commercial properties, aviation, schools, warehouses, workshops and logistics. This experience also includes compliance in Safety Management Systems such as OHSAS, BS18001 in both large and smaller environments.

Prior to Health and Safety, Andy spent 20 years as a licensed aircraft engineer.



UNIVERSAL SAFETY PRACTITIONERS

Professionalism.

Passion.

Purpose.

Testimonials



"We have been using USP's excellent, efficient and cost effective services for a number of years... We would highly recommend to others."

Andy Bluden - Ceramic Wall and Floor Tilers Ltd

"I have worked with Kevin for 6 years on a large retail banking account, in which, he has taken on various roles as Principal Designer, Client Assurance, Client Liaison, and providing general Health and Safety advice across many different topics linked to numerous projects.

Kevin is a highly professional consultant who has the ability to work with people operating in many different project roles from operatives on site to the client themselves.

Kevin's knowledge of health and Safety is second to none and he is able to provide vast experience from his time in the industry to provide worked examples to new projects. His personality and great sense of humour makes him easily fit into any project team! I would highly recommend Kevin to work with any client."

Miriam Abbot - Principal Consultant: RBS Account Lead H&S Arcadis

"Central Leisure Developments have worked with USP and in particular, with Kevin Kerin for several years now to obtain all of our Health and Safety requirements across a broad range of exhibition projects from on-site installation to workshop safety.

His knowledge and understanding of our practices and working methods ensure that all documentation is not only accurate but informative to all our staff. Time is not always on our side with the projects, but we can rely on Kevin and the USP team to produce the documentation we need on time and in full every time. I would highly recommend Kevin and his team at USP to anyone's business."

Mark Hurcombe - Project Director: Central Leisure Developments Ltd

Testimonials



Kevin and his company have been our Health and Safety advisors since 2005. He has advised on and implemented safe practices in the company's workshops and office premises and been our appointed person for project-specific Risk Assessment, documentation and control as required by CDM. He has provided us with a fully functioning and easy to use Health and Safety Management System, with successful auditing by external accreditors, including our CHAS certificate.

He has been instrumental in developing and managing our Fire Risk Assessments, as well as all company Risk Assessment and safe working procedures for our offices and workshops.

For our projects, Kevin and his company have provided all documentation and support in respect of our exhibition fit-out works, where we have held the role of Principal Contractor.

Where we have been asked to act in the role of Principal Designer by our clients, Kevin and his company have been instrumental in supplying this appointment, coordinating designers and sub-contractors, and creating all the required documentation, allowing us to work at this elevated level with our exhibition fit-out clients.

We have worked with Kevin and his team for 15 years and during this time we have had zero notifiable accidents, and i recommend him and his company without reservation."

Bob Deakin - Specialist Fit Out Company Director and Senior Project Manager.

"Kevin and his team at USP have become an invaluable professional health and safety resource for a number of our UK Solar/PV major projects. The USP consultants, led by Kevin have provided a robust health and safety lead during the pre-project planning and development of our projects. I would recommend Kevin and his team to any potential client".

Maria Ocana - Global Health, Safety and Environmental Lead SunEdison Solar LLC

Our Services - Principal Designer



Whether large or small, projects depend on the key appointment of the Principal Designer to help ensure Health and Safety legal requirements under the Construction Design and Management Regulations (2015) are met.

We believe that all successful and safe projects start with effective, hands-on management of design risk. Working closely with a range of architects, designers and engineers during the pre-construction phase of projects is the key to the planning, management and monitoring of this vitally important phase of all projects.

USP continues to provide high-level Principal Designer services across a diverse spectrum of project environments with an impressive list of Clients.

Our highly effective Principal Designer services are achieved through:

- *Helping and advising the client in bringing together pre- construction information, and providing the information Designers and Contractors need to carry out their duties.*
- *Working with Designers and Architects on the project to eliminate foreseeable Health and Safety design risks associated with the projects design.*
- *The completion of in-depth design risk registers for projects.*
- *Ensuring that everyone involved in the pre-construction phase communicates and cooperates, coordinating their work wherever required.*
- *Liaising with the Principal Contractor keeping them informed of any risks that need to be controlled during the construction phase.*

At USP, we have been involved as a Principal Designer on hundreds of varied projects from social housing, through to large commercial fit-out and public exhibitions providing in-depth, expert advice during the pre-construction phase.

All of our Principal Designer appointments are backed up with significant experience and qualification, as well as registered membership of the Association of Project Safety (RMaPS).

Previous Projects



Social Housing and bespoke modular projects

We have provided both Principal Designer and project Health and Safety governance services to a approximately 200 projects. Working with developers and clients for their projects, ranging from social housing, through to one-off bespoke modular design properties.



Exhibition Space – Design, Manufacture and Installation

We have been engaged by numerous Clients and Exhibition manufacturers to act in the role of Principal Designer.

Exhibition projects rely absolutely on effective development of risk management strategies. This includes the assessment and development of design, manufacture and installation works.

Exhibition development can present its own very specific Health and Safety issues, and need to function, often with physical interaction by exhibition visitors.

The development of the projects' design, and functionality rely heavily of the Principal Designer bringing together Designers, structural engineers, lighting, audio-visual and electrical specialists to discuss and agree designs, and to quantify design risks.

Working with manufacturers, we ensure that exhibition models and displays are manufactured in-line with Health and Safety design requirements.

Finally, working with Exhibition installers (often acting in the role of Principal Contractor) to track and discuss and construction phase design changes, ensuring these are discussed and tracked, through to the completion of the install.

Previous Projects



We have been engaged on a vast number of exhibitions including:

- Rolling Stones 'Exhibitionism' - Saatchi Gallery
- Alexander McQueen "Savage Beauty" – Victoria and Albert Museum
- MET Special Forces Exhibition – National Army Museum
- Wedding Dresses Exhibition - Victoria and Albert Museum
- World War 2 Exhibition – Imperial War Museum
- Viking Ships Exhibition – The British Museum



MET Special Forces Exhibition
National Army Museum



Alexander McQueen "Savage Beauty"
Victoria and Albert Museum



Rolling Stones 'Exhibitionism'
Saatchi Gallery

Renewable Energy Sector

Pre-construction planning and risk management processes for renewable energy projects requires a varied and alternative approach by the Principal Designer.

From environmental and ecological concerns through to logistics and local area impacts, our Principal Designer team have shown that strong leadership skills and full 'hands-on' involvement are the only way to successfully plan, manage and monitor the pre-construction phase of these important (and sometimes diverse) projects, which can have a number of design issues including geological and archaeological considerations and restrictions.

We have been actively involved in both Solar/PV and Windfarm major projects in a number of areas across the UK, including:

- Devon
- Cornwall
- South Wales
- Wiltshire
- Dorset



Previous Projects



Airside Projects – Gatwick Airport

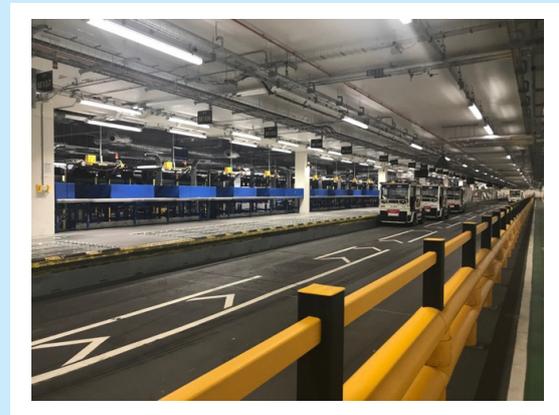
We are regularly supporting our Client in their 'Air- side' works.

Acting in the role of Principal Designer for projects which include the installation and management of data cabling and communications rooms, as well as security CCTV and access control.

Working air- side requires the highest level of 'absolute risk control' in one of the highest risk environments where very careful planning and management of risk is required, and where there is no room for error.

As part of our role in supporting our Client, we complete all annual Health and Safety governance documentation as well as specific Health and Safety training in support of their applications for air-side operating licenses.

Working at this level requires not only an absolute focus, but an understanding at granular level, of Airport safety standards for air-side project works.



Gatwick Airport

Banking Projects

We have an impressive track record of Principal Designer services to a major high street banking client. With appointments in the Principal Designer role currently running at 58 projects for 2021/22, we have worked with this client on branch fit-out projects throughout the UK and Ireland for the last 6 years.

Our Principal Designer roles have extended to the Client's major projects, which include:

- Building separation works – *Birmingham*
- Major redevelopment works – *Gogarburn Edinburgh*
- Major building improvement works – *Spinningfields Manchester*
- Major re-branding project – *National coverage (296 sites)*



Gogarburn – major redevelopment works



250 Bishopsgate - Major re-branding project

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