

# WEA Health and Safety Policy

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## 1. Introduction

This policy describes the WEAs Health and Safety arrangements.

The main body of the Policy is set out in three sections:

- Section 3: The **Policy Statement**
- Section 4: **Responsibility** who is responsible for specific actions.
- Section 5: **Arrangements** containing the details of what we will do in practice to achieve the aim of the Statement.

## 2. Scope

The Policy applies to the whole of The Workers' Educational Association in England and Scotland, being a Charity registered in England and Wales (Charity number 1112775) and in Scotland (Charity number SC039239) and a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales, number 2806910.

## 3. Pandemics

Health and Safety regarding pandemics will be provided within a separate dedicated policy specifically for that pandemic.

#### 4. Policy Statement

The WEA has a legal duty of care towards protecting the health and safety of its employees and others who may be affected by the organisation's activities and recognises that managing health and safety is a business-critical function. In order to discharge its responsibilities, the trustees and management team will:

- Bring this Policy Statement to the attention of all employees and volunteers.
- Ensure there is an appropriate Health and Safety policy and procedures in place and bring this Policy Statement and relevant responsibilities and procedures to the attention of all employees and volunteers.
- Invest in health and safety staffing and resources to manage and maintain health, safety, and welfare arrangements across the organisation.

- Ensure there are effective risk assessment arrangements in place to identify, manage and eliminate/reduce risks to health, safety, and welfare, including through the selection and design of materials, buildings, facilities, equipment, and processes.
- Communicate and consult with our employees on matters affecting their health and safety.
- Comply fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations at national and local levels.
- Encourage and facilitate a healthy culture where staff and others actively contribute to their own health and safety and that of others to identify and report hazards.
- Ensure that appropriate emergency procedures are in place at all locations for dealing with health and safety issues.
- Maintain our premises, provide and maintain safe plant and equipment to a safe standard.
- Only engage contractors who are able to demonstrate due regard to health & safety matters.
- Provide information, instruction, supervision, and adequate training and ensure that all employees are competent to do their tasks.
- Monitor performance and revise policies and procedures to pursue a programme of continuous improvement.
- Provide additional specific pandemic policies and arrangements as applicable.

This health and safety policy will be reviewed at least annually, usually in advance of each new academic year, and revised as necessary to reflect changes to the business activities and any changes to legislation. Any changes to the Policy will be brought to the attention of all employees. The full policy and other health and safety information and procedures are located on WEAs Intranet: <u>Health and Safety</u> (sharepoint.com)

| Name            | Position                | Date     | Signature       |
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| John Widdowson  | Chair of Trustees       | 10.10.24 | John Wickdowson |
| Simon Parkinson | CEO & General Secretary | 10.10.24 | S. A. Parkussy  |

#### 5. Responsibilities

The overall accountability for health and safety rests at the highest management level, with the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Team. However, every member of staff (core staff, tutors, and other sessional staff) and volunteers have a responsibility for their own and others safety and to co-operate in providing and maintaining a safe place of work. Non-compliance with the Health and Safety Policy and arising procedures, and/or acting in a way that creates risk to self and/or others, may result in disciplinary action.

The General Summary table below, and subsequent sections, describe areas of accountability and responsibility at role level in controlling factors that could lead to ill health, injury, or loss.

Note: all Managers are required to provide clear direction and accept responsibility to create a positive attitude and culture towards health and safety.

All Trustees, Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Departments and Line Managers will individually and collectively model exemplar behaviours and standards for health and safety and champion a positive health and safety culture throughout the organisation.

| 5a. General Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
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| Who?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | What                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| Board of Trustees<br>Accountable for the health and safety<br>across the organisation discharging<br>this responsibility day to day through<br>the Chief Executive and General<br>Secretary down to individual<br>managers, and employees and<br>through strategic monitoring by the<br>People Committee.<br>Chief Executive Officer and General<br>Secretary | <ul> <li>Ensure that adequate resources are made available for the implementation of health and safety.</li> <li>Review the health and safety performance of the organisation on an annual basis based on reports through their People Sub-Committee.</li> <li>Provide a lead in developing a positive health and safety culture throughout the organisation by embedding health and safety into its decision making.</li> <li>Ensure that,</li> <li>Our Health and Safety Policy is implemented,</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| Overall responsibility for ensuring our<br>compliance with Health and Safety<br>legislation, delegating the<br>responsibility for implementation to the<br>Chief Finance Officer.                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul> <li>monitored, developed, communicated effectively, reviewed, and amended as required and a system of communication to employees and volunteers is implemented.</li> <li>Suitable and sufficient funds, people, materials, and equipment are provided to meet all health and safety requirements.</li> <li>Appropriate health and safety risk assessment and management procedures are in place.</li> <li>There is a health and safety plan of continuous improvement and that senior management monitor progress against agreed targets.</li> <li>Senior management designated with health and safety responsibilities are provided with support to enable health and safety objectives to be met.</li> <li>An annual report on the safety performance of the company is presented to the Board of Trustees.</li> <li>Adequate insurance cover is provided and renewed.</li> </ul> |  |
| Leadership Team<br>Responsibility for ensuring our<br>organisational compliance with Health<br>and Safety legislation day to day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul> <li>Ensure that,</li> <li>WEA's Health and Safety policy is implemented, monitored, developed, communicated effectively, reviewed, and amended as required.</li> <li>The system for consultation with employees on Health and Safety matters is maintained.</li> <li>Competent persons are appointed to provide health and safety assistance and advice.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | • A health and safety plan of continuous improvement is created, and progress monitored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul> <li>An effective training programme is established to ensure staff are competent to carry out their work in a safe manner.</li> <li>Accidents, ill health and 'near miss' incidents at work are recorded, investigated, and reported and that safety issues raised are thoroughly investigated and, when necessary, further effective controls implemented and communicated to staff.</li> <li>Effective contingency plans are in place with a designated competent person in charge of the planning and control measures for situations involving imminent danger.</li> <li>Ensure that risk assessments are undertaken as necessary in their area(s) of responsibility and safe systems of work are developed and communicated to all employees and volunteers.</li> <li>Any safety issues that cannot be dealt with are referred to the Chief Executive Officer and General Secretary for action.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Course and Tutor Managers/WEA<br>Scotland Educational Managers/<br>Departmental Managers/ Function<br>Managers<br>Responsible for ensuring compliance<br>across all respective areas and teams. | <ul> <li>Actively lead and supervise the implementation and compliance with the Health and Safety Policy and safety procedures in their geographical/functional area(s).</li> <li>Ensure that their staff receive appropriate training and awareness on safety and that premises (whether owned, leased or sessionally rented) and work equipment and practices are maintained in a safe condition and in line with statutory requirements as advised by the Health and Safety Manager and Committee, and do not use premises which do not meet these standards.</li> <li>Supervise their staff to ensure that they work safely, providing increased supervision for new workers/volunteers.</li> <li>Ensure that risk assessments are undertaken as necessary in their area(s) of responsibility and safe systems of work are developed and communicated to all employees and volunteers.</li> <li>Ensure that accidents, ill health and 'near miss' incidents at work are investigated, recorded, and reported and that they actively encourage the reporting of health and safety issues.</li> <li>Communicate and consult with staff on health and safety issues.</li> <li>Refer any safety issues that cannot be dealt with to the Health and Safety Manager to report to the Leadership Team for action.</li> <li>Maintain premises, plant and work equipment in a safe condition and ensure that statutory examinations are planned, completed, and recorded.</li> <li>Only engage contractors that are reputable, can demonstrate a good health and safety provision before</li> </ul> |

|                                                                                                                                                                | <ul> <li>commencement of works and are made aware of relevant local health and safety rules and procedures.</li> <li>adequate arrangements for fire and first aid are established and communicated to all staff and volunteers.</li> <li>welfare facilities provided are maintained in a satisfactory state and that agreed safety standards are maintained particularly those relating to housekeeping.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Line Managers                                                                                                                                                  | • Ensure they and their teams comply with WEA Health                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Responsible for ensuring compliance<br>in own respective areas and teams.                                                                                      | <ul> <li>and Safety policy and procedures.</li> <li>Encourage their staff to report hazards and raise health and safety concerns and communicate any corrective actions to all employees and volunteers.</li> <li>Alert safety issues to a senior manager for action.</li> <li>Ensure that risk assessments are undertaken as necessary in their area(s) of responsibility and that safe systems of work are developed and communicated to all staff and volunteers.</li> <li>Maintain premises, plant and work equipment in a safe condition and ensure that statutory examinations are planned, completed, and recorded.</li> <li>Only engage contractors that are reputable, can demonstrate a good health and safety provision before commencement of works and are made aware of relevant local health and safety rules and procedures.</li> <li>Supervise their staff to ensure that they work safely, providing increased supervision for new workers / volunteers.</li> <li>Ensure that any accidents, ill health and 'near miss' incidents at work are recorded, investigated, and reported.</li> <li>Report any safety issues that cannot be dealt with to their Line Manager and/or the Health and Safety</li> </ul> |
|                                                                                                                                                                | Manager as applicable, for action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Head of Estates and Health and<br>Safety<br>Responsible for ensuring that our<br>properties meet WEA and legislative<br>standards regarding health and safety. | <ul> <li>Manager as applicable, for action.</li> <li>Ensure that the WEA's Health and Safety policy is implemented, monitored, developed, communicated effectively, reviewed, and amended as required.</li> <li>Chair the Health and Safety Strategic Committee (HSSC)</li> <li>Provide adequate support to the Health and Safety Manager and staff.</li> <li>Ensure adequate resources are available for health and safety.</li> <li>Work closely with the Health and Safety Manager, bringing to their attention any new / renewal / proposals for change of premises to their attention for early assessment.</li> <li>The schedule of statutory examinations of plant and equipment is maintained, and managers are made aware of impending examinations.</li> <li>Only engage contractors that are reputable, can demonstrate a good health and safety provision before</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Health and Safety Manager<br>Day to day responsibility for ensuring    | <ul> <li>commencement of works and are made aware of relevant local health and safety rules and procedures.</li> <li>Ensure contractors have appropriate schemes of work in place which meet legislative requirements before work is undertaken.</li> <li>Ensure that risk assessments are undertaken as necessary in their area(s) of responsibility.</li> <li>Ensure that management are advised of relevant changes in health and safety legislation, codes of practice and industry standards.</li> </ul> |
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| appropriate controls and procedures are in place for the organisation. | <ul> <li>Ensure appropriate effective controls, monitoring and procedures are in place and maintained to facilitate a safe and legally compliant environment across the organisation.</li> <li>Coordinate and support managers to ensure that risk assessments are carried out and effective controls implemented.</li> <li>Chair the Health and Safety Committee</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                        | <ul> <li>Hold regular meetings where health and safety issues can be discussed with the management chain, assess progress made against objectives and decide on further actions.</li> <li>Provide advice and guidance on health and safety</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                        | <ul> <li>actions.</li> <li>Provide advice on health and safety training requirements.</li> <li>Depart details of incidents page misses accidents</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                        | <ul> <li>Report details of incidents, near misses, accidents,<br/>dangerous occurrences, or diseases including legally<br/>required reporting of those which are notifiable to the<br/>relevant authorities.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                        | <ul> <li>Conduct accident investigations and record in conjunction with managers.</li> <li>Contact with external organisations such as the</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                        | <ul> <li>emergency services is co-ordinated.</li> <li>Health assessment requirements are identified and advised to management.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                        | <ul> <li>Support the Head of Estates with the schedule of<br/>statutory examinations of plant and equipment is<br/>maintained and managers are made aware of<br/>impending examinations.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| All staff (including tutors and other sessional staff) and volunteers. | Be familiar with and always comply with the Health and Safety policy and Safety procedures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Responsible for own safety and that of others around them              | <ul> <li>Undertake risk assessments as relevant to their area of responsibility.</li> <li>Observe the safety rules of any / all locations.</li> <li>Cooperate with your employer (WEA) in all matters relating to health and safety and personal safety and comply with all written and verbal instructions.</li> <li>Attend as requested any health and safety training</li> </ul>                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                        | <ul> <li>course.</li> <li>Report any safety hazard or malfunction of any item of plant or equipment to their supervisor / manager and 9 of 16</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

|                                                                                 | <ul> <li>report all accidents / near misses to their supervisor / manager immediately.</li> <li>Conduct themselves in an orderly manner in the workplace and refrain from any activities which in any form could create an unnecessary risk to their personal safety and/or the safety of others.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Contractors</b><br>Responsible for own safety and that of others around them | <ul> <li>All contractors must take reasonable care of their own safety and of those around them and observe safety rules.</li> <li>All contractors will provide necessary documentation before commencement of works to be agreed with the WEA Head of Estates (see Contractor Safety procedure).</li> <li>All contractors are subject to the controls set out in the Contractor Safety Information referred to in the arrangements section.</li> </ul> |
| External Advisor                                                                | The WEA has access to Health and Safety advisors as required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Health and Safety Committee                                                     | See the Governance & Operational Framework structure chart and the Health and Safety Committee section below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## **5b. Health and Safety Committee**

The composition of the Health and Safety Committee and its terms of reference are in line with HSE (Health & Safety Executive) recommended practice.<sup>i</sup>

WEA's Health and Safety Committee will ensure that

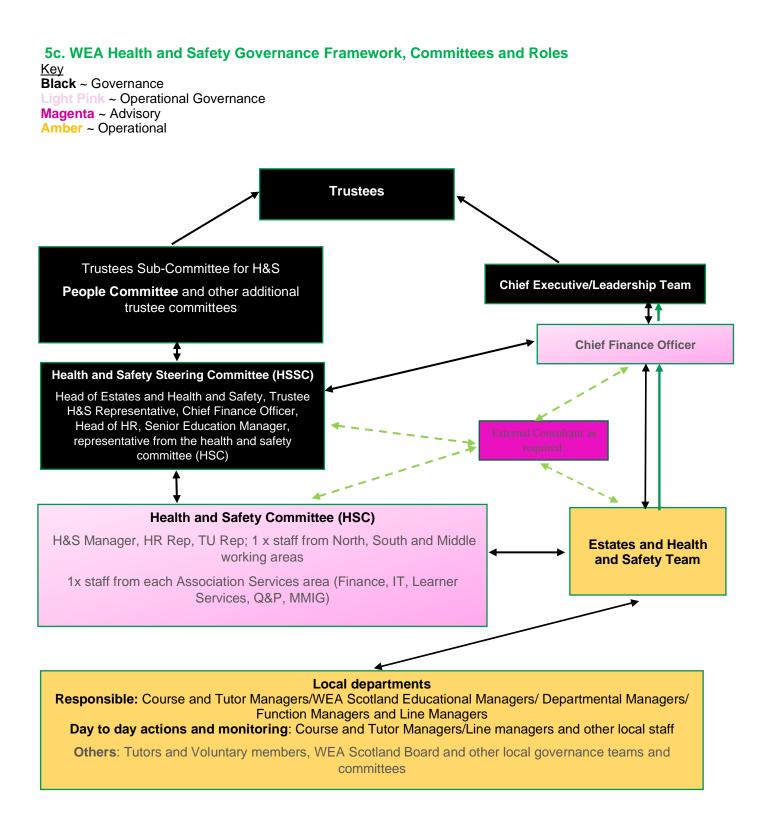
- there is appropriate communication, and consultation is undertaken with WEA staff and recognised Trade Unions (where applicable) on health and safety matters.
- an appropriate health and safety training plan is in place.
- health and safety issues are discussed, and appropriate action taken.
- health and safety standards within and across WEA departments, premises and activities are monitored and maintained.
- health and safety investigations are initiated and undertaken as appropriate.
- statistics on accidents, near misses, ill health, and sickness absence as far as these relate to health and safety are identified, monitored and appropriate recommendations and actions taken.
- health and safety is promoted and new initiatives are considered to progressively improve standards in all areas of the organisation.
- employees and other relevant stakeholders including volunteers are aware of significant changes to our health and safety policy documentation and practices.
- health and safety risks are identified and managed appropriately.
- impacts are appropriately assessed and mitigated e.g. changes in the workplace which may affect the health, safety, and wellbeing of WEA people.

Furthermore, the WEA Health and Safety Committee will

- provide appropriate health, safety and welfare status and progress reports into the People Committee via the Health and Safety Steering Committee and the Health and Safety Manager.
- collectively and individually act as health and safety ambassadors and embody the health and safety standards in their day-to-day work for the WEA.

oversee and be available for any health and safety visits or inspections which may be undertaken • by regulatory bodies or audits. The Health and Safety Committee will meet five times per year by teams or face to face meetings, as

appropriate.



#### 6. Arrangements

The arrangements in place for achieving and maintaining a safe and healthy working environment across the organisation are set out below

| What                                                                                                                                             | How                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Prevent accidents and cases of<br>work-related ill health by managing<br>the health and safety risks in the<br>workplace.                        | <ul> <li>Relevant risk assessments completed and actions arising out of those assessments implemented.</li> <li>Review risk assessments when working habits/conditions change and periodically.</li> <li>Record and monitor accidents, incidents and near misses to identify any patterns and remedial actions.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Provide clear instructions and<br>information and adequate training to<br>ensure employees are competent to<br>maintain safety.                  | <ul> <li>Staff given necessary health and safety induction and provided with appropriate training and awareness of arrangements, emergency evacuation, fire safety, manual handling.</li> <li>Health and Safety refresher training to be completed periodically.</li> <li>Health and Safety law poster displayed at each premises.</li> <li>Clear health and safety procedures in place and accessible via the staff intranet <u>Health and Safety</u> (sharepoint.com)</li> <li>Training for staff appointed with specific H&amp;S responsibilities i.e. Fire Marshalls and First Aiders etc.</li> </ul>                                 |
| Engage contractors that are qualified for the work being undertaken.                                                                             | <ul> <li>Complete contractor control assessment prior to taking<br/>on contractors as required.</li> <li>Check the qualifications and reviews for contractors<br/>before contracting.</li> <li>Check schemes of work, method statements and risk<br/>assessments have been undertaken in advance and that<br/>these are satisfactory.</li> <li>Ensure that any asbestos on site is assessed and<br/>appropriate controls in place and communicated ahead<br/>of commencement of works.</li> <li>Ensure that any risk mitigations required are in place<br/>and communicated with relevant others before any<br/>works proceed.</li> </ul> |
| Engage and consult with employees<br>on day-to-day health and safety<br>conditions.                                                              | <ul> <li>Staff consulted on health and safety matters via the recognised Trade Union and health and safety committee members.</li> <li>Health &amp; Safety Committee, which has trade union representation.</li> <li>Health and Safety Noticeboards in each of our owned and leased premises.</li> <li>Health and Safety as a standing item on management team meeting agendas.</li> <li>Resource health and safety email open to all staff.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Implement emergency procedures –<br>evacuation in case of fire/security or<br>another significant incident.<br>Maintain safe and healthy working | <ul> <li>Escape routes always signed and kept clear.</li> <li>Emergency evacuation, invacuation and lockdown plans<br/>in place which are tested periodically and updated, as<br/>necessary.</li> <li>Stay safe guidance displayed in all premises.</li> <li>Toilets, washing facilities and drinking water provided.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| conditions.                                                                                                                                      | System in place for routine inspections and testing of equipment (including personal and protective where                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| Ensure that appropriate health and sa<br>What<br>Accident, Incident, and III-Health<br>Recording, Reporting, and<br>Investigation | <ul> <li>System in place for monitoring that we are meeting our health and safety standards and obligations and can effectively identify and report on lessons and trends to reduce risks and achieve ongoing improvements.</li> <li>Report regularly to Managers, the Leadership Team and governance to enable them to discharge their duties effectively.</li> <li>Set an annual plan of action and improvements.</li> <li>Mhere located</li> <li>Accident, Incident, Near Miss Report Form: WEA-Accident-Incident-and-Near-Miss-form-22.docx (sharepoint.com)</li> <li>Accidents, Incidents and Near Misses (AINM) (sharepoint.com)</li> <li>Wellbeing: Health &amp; wellbeing (sharepoint.com)</li> </ul> |
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| Asbestos                                                                                                                          | Mental health (sharepoint.com)         Prevent & safeguarding: Safeguarding and Prevent - Home (sharepoint.com)         Arrangements: WEA-H-S-Asbestos-Arrangements.docx (sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Communication and Consultation                                                                                                    | Set out in the Arrangements table above and via Health and<br>Safety Committee<br><u>Health and safety committee (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Confined Spaces                                                                                                                   | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Confined-Spaces-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Contractors                                                                                                                       | Contractor Selection Form<br>WEA-Contractor-Form-08-22docx (sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| COSHH - Hazardous Substances                                                                                                      | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-COSHH-Arrangements.docx</u><br>( <u>sharepoint.com</u> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Disabled Persons                                                                                                                  | Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans <u>WEA-Learner-PEEP-</u><br><u>o4-2023.docx (sharepoint.com)</u><br><u>WEA-staff-PEEP-o4-2023.docx (sharepoint.com)</u><br>Individual Risk Assessments<br>Procedures for installed evacuation chairs are held on site,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| Display Screen Equipment         | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-DSE-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Driving for Work                 | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Driving-for-Work-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Drugs and Alcohol                | Code of Conduct Policy contained with employment contracts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Electricity                      | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Electricity-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Environment                      | Carbon Reduction Plan: WEA Carbon Reduction plan   WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Fire                             | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-and-S-Fire-Arrangements-Reviewed.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| First Aid                        | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-and-S-First-Aid-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Gas Installations and Appliances | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Gas-Installations-and-Appliances-</u><br><u>Arrangements.docx (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Health and Safety and Welfare    | Contained within this Policy document.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Home Working                     | Home Working Policy <u>HR - Homeworking Policy.pdf - All</u> <u>Documents (sharepoint.com)</u> Home Working Assessment Form: <u>HOME-WORKING-<br/>assessment-form-o8-23.docx (sharepoint.com)</u> Home Working Electrical Checks: <u>Working-Safely-at-Home-<br/>Electrical-Checklist-o4-2023.docx (sharepoint.com)</u> |
| Legionnaires Disease             | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Legionnaires-Disease-</u><br><u>Arrangements.docx (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Lifts                            | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Lift-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Lone Working                     | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Lone-Working-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Machinery Maintenance            | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Maintenance-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Manual Handling                  | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Manual-Handling-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Migrant Workers                  | HR conduct right to work checks during recruitment.<br><u>HR policies, procedures and forms (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| New and Expectant Mothers        | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-New-and-Expectant-Workers-</u><br><u>Arrangements.docx (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|                               | HR policies, procedures and forms (sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Noise                         | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Noise-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Outdoor and Peripatetic       | Outdoor Peripatetic Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Outdoor-and-</u><br><u>Peripatetic-Arrangements.docx (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                               | Driving for Work Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Driving-for-Work-</u><br><u>Arrangements.docx (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Pandemic                      | Business continuity arrangements and specific pandemic arrangements: <u>Business continuity (sharepoint.com)</u><br><u>Coronavirus-Risk-assessment-template.docx (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Personal Protective Equipment | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Personal-Protective-Equipment-</u><br><u>Arrangements.docx (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Risk Assessment               | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Risk-Assessment-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Smoking                       | Code of Conduct Policy contained within employment contracts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Stress                        | Stress Management Policy <u>Health &amp; wellbeing</u><br>( <u>sharepoint.com)</u><br><u>Mental health (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Temporary Employees           | Covered by employee arrangements and procedures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Violence                      | Code of Conduct Policy contained within employment<br>contracts.<br>Safeguarding and Prevent arrangements: <u>Safeguarding and</u><br><u>Prevent - Home (sharepoint.com)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Visitors                      | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Visitor-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Waste Management              | Sustainable development & environment management<br>policy: Enabler 2 (sharepoint.com)         Data Retention Policy and arrangements: Respecting data<br>project (sharepoint.com)         Sanitary Ware provision and arrangements in owned and<br>leased premises.         WEEE (electrical disposals) – Equipment Re-assignment<br>and Disposal Procedure; https: Data protection policies. |
| Work at Height                | procedures, forms and templates (sharepoint.com)           Arrangements:         WEA-H-S-Work-At-Height-Arrangements.docx                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                               | (sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Work Equipment                | Arrangements: <u>WEA-H-S-Work-Equipment-Arrangements.docx</u><br>(sharepoint.com)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Working Time Regulations | Contract of Employment                                                                                     |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Young Persons            | Young Workers Checklist form <u>WEA-H-S-Young-Worker-RA</u><br><u>Checklist-2023.docx (sharepoint.com)</u> |

#### Fire Marshals and First Aiders

An appropriate number of trained Fire Marshals/Wardens and First Aiders or Appointed Persons will be in place in all leased and owned premises across the organisation, where applicable. The arrangements for each premises will vary from site to site based on an assessment of the location, layout, type of activities undertaken at the premises, and number of staff based there. Terms of Reference setting out the duties and procedures will be provided to those undertaking these roles.

## 7. Statutory checks

The following arrangements are in place for ensuring that statutory health and safety checks at WEA premises and premises used by the WEA for teaching and learning activities are completed:

**Owned and Leased premises:** Renewals of checks and repairs to equipment are arranged nationally as part of the Planned, Preventative Maintenance schedule managed by the WEA Head of Estates, or liaising with the landlord for confirmation of checks for any leased premises where the landlord has responsibility for checks. Regular working checks are undertaken by nominated local staff members and the outcomes confirmed to the Health and Safety Manager in line with WEA Compliance Checks checklists and guidance documentation.

**Leased Learning premises**: All sessional venues will be checked they meet H&S standards using WEA External Venue Risk Assessment Survey (EVRAS) before the venue is used. Thereafter venues will have scheduled reviews annually, based on level of usage, any incidents/accidents, feedback or matters of concern, with further assessments in between via Observation of Teaching and Learning (OTLA) visit and/or should there be any known changes to either the venue, WEA requirements or change of legislation. Premises Condition Report documentation is available for staff to report any issues immediately.

**Subcontractors**: All education subcontractors will be checked to a set criterion as a part of the recruitment and onboarding systems and periodically through observations and inspections completed by the Subcontractor Management Group.

#### 8. Legislative changes

The Health and Safety Manager will advise the WEA of any legislative changes. Any applicable changes to this Policy will be made by the WEA Health and Safety Manager, in discussion with the Chief Finance Officer, Health and Safety Committee, Senior Management Team, the recognised Trade Union, and other key colleagues, where applicable.

#### 9. Contact Information

For queries or concerns relating to health and safety, please contact the Head of Estates and Health and Safety or the Health and Safety Manager at <u>healthandsafety@wea.ac.uk</u>

## 1. Health and Safety documentation and information

All WEA health and safety documentation and information is stored on the WEA Computer system, with relevant staff documentation and information available via the WEA Intranet <u>Health and Safety</u> (sharepoint.com)

Additional teaching and learning specific H&S information is located on the Intranet in the Quality and Performance area: <u>Tutor health and safety (sharepoint.com)</u>

## **2.** Glossary of Terms

WEA =Workers Educational Association HR = Human Resources H&S = Health and Safety TU = Trade Union EVRAS = External Venue Risk Assessment Survey Q&P = Quality and Performance MMIG = Marketing Membership and Income Growth HSE = Health and Safety Executive

#### 3. Revision History

| Version Number | Date of Change | Main descriptions of Change                                                                                    |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| V1.0           | 30/10/18       | Published                                                                                                      |
| V1.1           | 17/12/19       | Amended CEO details on page 4                                                                                  |
| V1.2           | 25/08/20       | Inclusion of new section 3 on Pandemics.                                                                       |
|                |                | Inclusion of reference to pandemics in the policy                                                              |
|                |                | statement.                                                                                                     |
|                |                | Updated terminology for Heads of Regions and Leadership                                                        |
|                |                | Team.                                                                                                          |
|                |                | Updated H&S governance and operational structure chart                                                         |
|                |                | to reflect committee membership and roles.                                                                     |
|                |                | Updated arrangements section wording & links.                                                                  |
|                |                | Updated statutory checks section wording.                                                                      |
| V1.3           | 07 2023        | 1. Role changes revised throughout, namely Property                                                            |
|                |                | manager to Head of Estates and Health and Safety Officer                                                       |
|                |                | to Health and Safety Manager.                                                                                  |
|                |                | 2. F&GP Committee changed to Peoples Committee                                                                 |
|                |                | throughout to reflect present trustee structure.                                                               |
|                |                | 3. Section 5, Responsibilities, changes made to H&S                                                            |
|                |                | Governance Framework Committee and Roles to reflect                                                            |
|                |                | new roles and revised committee system.                                                                        |
|                |                | 4. Section 5, Responsibilities, frequency of Health and Safety Committee meetings changed from 6 to 5 per year |
|                |                | to reflect revised committee system.                                                                           |
|                |                | 5. Section 6, Arrangements, Machinery Maintenance line                                                         |
|                |                | removed as duplicated in V1.2                                                                                  |
|                |                | 6. Section 7, Statutory Checks, sessional venue                                                                |
|                |                | accommodation reviews changed from every 2-3 years to                                                          |
|                |                | 2 years to avoid ambiguity.                                                                                    |
|                |                | 7. Section 7, Statutory Checks, details of Premises                                                            |
|                |                | Condition Reporting added.                                                                                     |
|                |                | 8. All links updated to reflect the new WEA Intranet.                                                          |
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| V1.4 | 07 2024 | 1. Ownership of the policy changed from Director of    |
|------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|      |         | Quality and Student Services to Chief Finance Officer, |
|      |         | Shaun Tyndall, following Reshape.                      |
|      |         | 2. Links updated.                                      |
|      |         | 3. All arrangements documents reviewed 08/24.          |
|      |         | 4. Health and Safety Framework job details updated     |
|      |         | following Reshape.                                     |
|      |         | 5. Job roles updated following Reshape.                |
|      |         | 6. Accommodation Surveys replaced by External Venue    |
|      |         | Risk Assessment Surveys (EVRAS) throughout policy.     |
|      |         | 7. Section 7, Statutory Checks, sessional venue        |
|      |         | accommodation reviews changed from every 2 years to    |
|      |         | annually as a part of the EVRAS system.                |
|      |         | 8. Minor grammar and punctuation changes               |

<sup>i</sup> <u>http://www.hse.gov.uk/involvement/membership.htm</u>

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