

AEO UK OPERATIONS GROUP

THE GROUP'S PURPOSE

It is the mission of the AEO UK Operations Group to make on site safer for all involved. They are responsible for identifying and discussing the challenges faced by the UK Ops community, looking for progressive solutions.

This includes but is not limited to:

- **Health and Safety issues** – looking at procedures on the show floor, developing tools via the AEO Ops Hub and creating best practice guidance that can be adapted to flex to the needs of organisers of all scales and sizes.
- **Driving cultural change** - collaborating with industry stakeholders, improving processes onsite, and using forums like the H&S X Assoc. Group, to work together responsibly and improve lines of communication.
- **Managing the expectations of the HSE** - feeding back and making recommendations on highlighted issues – adapting processes to fit the industry.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2022

The group's objective for 2022 is to reflect on the learnings from 2021 and adopt some of the new processes permanently as best practice.

They will be looking at how new sustainability measures impact the ops space, and will be looking to the X association group for information and learnings to help craft an agenda.

Members will continue initiatives to strengthen relationships with other stakeholders, including:

- Open forums with the supplier and venue network to “ask us anything”, working closely with these stakeholders to rebuild the industry safely, in the absence of skills lost through the pandemic, continuing to improve ways of working.
- Managing the rise in material costs and sharing plans on managing the supply base more effectively to mitigate risks by spreading the spend more evenly.
- Continuing to work with all stakeholders to ensure contractor welfare is a priority on site and base line standards should be met as a minimum on all build and breaks.

AUDIENCE

Membership of this group is open to all AEO operations members plus a selection of other organisations and individuals recommended by the group.

It is aimed at attracting those within a Senior Operations role working for events organisers.

FREQUENCY & LOCATION

- For 2022, the group are going revert back to quarterly meetings, with adhoc meetings being called should there be a subject that requires it.
- Three meetings are planned to take place virtually, with a final meeting of the year taking place face to face at a location TBD.



Group Chair - Ian Solomon - Director of Operations - Hyve Group



Vice Chair - Nicola Harrison - Commercial Projects Manager - MTA