



WISE - Empowering Women in the Health and Safety Profession

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Aotearoa is leading the way when it comes to Women in Senior Leadership roles connected to Health and Safety. Women in Health and Safety Excellence (WISE) are special interest group of the New Zealand Institute of Safety Managers (NZISM) and a part of the global OneWISH network. For many years they have been providing a safe space for women to network, discover and grow their potential as leaders in the health and safety field.

This proposed session will have three distinct sections.

1. An outline WISE's latest strategic initiatives, including the work underway to develop capability of its members and an announcement of plans to improve regional networking opportunities. This would be followed by;
2. A short workshop with participants to determine Three things that leaders do that matter, before introducing the audience to;
3. A panel of 3 Senior Women leaders in Health and Safety, discussing the ways in which they assist both their organisation and their people to perform. The WISE facilitator will ask a series of set questions followed by an opportunity for questions from the audience.

Biography:



Jo has over 20 years experience working with Health and Safety compliance, firstly for WorkSafe NZ and currently with the National Public Health Service, where she is invested in improving the health of our communities by assisting with measures to reduce the harm caused by Tobacco, Vape and Alcohol. Jo is a strong advocate for collaborative engagement and proactive education, balanced with proportionate enforcement. As a Professional member of NZISM, Jo is pleased to work with like-minded colleagues within WISE, empowering women in the Health and Safety profession.



Margaret is a Chartered Health and Safety Professional with 25 years' multi sector experience in H&S group management, advisory, regulatory and consultancy roles and Managing Director of a specialist H&S consultancy. Margaret is a Chartered Fellow with IOSH, a Certified Fellow with NZISM and a HASANZ registered Health and Safety Professional. Margaret is a member of the Institute of Directors (IoD), holds a number of governance roles and is an independent advisor across public and private sectors. Co-founder and Chair of Women in Safety Excellence New Zealand Margaret is passionate about supporting career progression for women in health and safety.