

# Thameslink Programme Directors Health & Safety Steering Group (DSG)

## Supplier Conference Feedback

### Who Attended

A total of 184 representatives from 39 different organisations attended the conference. In the main the representatives were Works Managers, Supervisors, Project Managers or Health & Safety professionals.

### The Focus of the Day

The day was interactive with a keynote address from Simon Blanchflower, Major Programme Director of the Thameslink Programme, on the day with a reflection and forward look at the challenges ahead. Attendees then attended two mandatory sessions, one on fair culture and the other on manual handling.

Feedback from our culture survey earlier in the year told us that many of the people on our projects still felt that work needed to be done on being fair after an accident or incident happens on site so we focused on that element with an interactive session.

Manual handling was also recognised as being one of our key issues for accidents to people and we utilised the training that Costain organised to share with others on the day.

Other areas for the day included:-

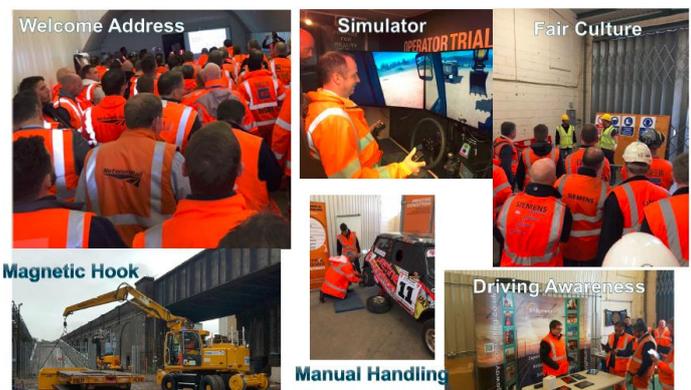
- Driver awareness run by Bridgeway
- Plant demonstrations by TXM / Nationwide / Lynch Plant
- Plant simulator run by Lynch Plant
- Health & Wellbeing sessions
- Tethering or tools
- PPE showcases

### What People Thought

Over 90 feedback sheets were completed on the day from those that attended. Feedback was very positive with 100% of people saying it was worthwhile and would like to attend future events. Particular feedback was on the benefit of it being

- A great networking opportunity
- Engagement from people – people seemed to genuinely want to be there.
- Time out to think and to hear others points of view especially in the fair culture session
- Good tips on manual handling
- Great to get hands on with the plant simulator

All of the organisations who were exhibiting / presenting during the day, fed back that the people who attended their stand were very enthusiastic and engaged. They also thought it was a very worthwhile day and were delighted to have been invited along.



A special thanks to all those that helped organise the event must be mentioned with a special thanks to Balfour Beatty for hosting the day at their yard and for helping manage all the logistics before and during the day.