

# INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR TO FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

Ireland's Chief Fire Officers Association will host the 6th International Safety Education seminar at Croke Park Conference Centre in Dublin on 7-8 December, and now invites sponsors and exhibitors to come on board.

**W**ith an initial concept of connecting all people committed to creating a higher level of community fire safety awareness and education, this seminar has grown from its origins in Finland in 2011, to be a significant bi-annual event in the fire safety calendar in Europe.

Over the past decade it has been further developed and enhanced by successful seminars in the Finnish capital of Helsinki (2013), Stockholm in Sweden (2015), Arnhem in the Netherlands (2017) and Antwerp in Belgium (2019).

Now it is the turn of the Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA) in

Ireland to host this event in 2021 with the support of the Federation of European Union Fire Officers (FEU) and the European Fire Safety Alliance

## MAIN THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

### 1. Fire safety strategic planning:

Outline of the European Fire Safety Action Plan developed by





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the European Fire Safety Alliance as well as national strategies developed in other European countries.

**2. Influencing fire safety behaviour of various age groups:** Results reviewed of recent studies carried out, particularly in relation to the elderly and other vulnerable age groups.

**3. Use of data analysis/statistics, scientific research and fire risk models in the development of fire safety policy:** Detail of recent project, funded by the European Commission, to improve the collection of fire statistics in Europe. Speakers will review fire incident data available and how this influences the development of fire safety policy, and outline different approaches to fire risk modelling in other countries.

**4. Collaboration in fire safety education:** An outline of innovative approaches to collaboration between fire authorities, emergency services and safety science organisations, who are joining together worldwide to improve knowledge sharing and approaches to safety education.

**5. Risks and education:** With fire safety risks evolving and changing over time, new programmes and approaches being developed will address the increasing dangers of wildfires and the increased use lithium-ion batteries in everyday life.

**6. Innovation, technology and education:** A review of how technology and gaming can

assist in the delivery of fire safety education in the future, while a number of fire safety apps and other technological solutions developed will be presented.

One of the highlights will be the presentation of the award for the 'Best Community Fire Safety' project in Europe. The seminar is now an integral part of the programme of activities being held for European Fire Safety Week 2021, which takes place from 29 November to 8 December, and will feature speakers from Europe, the UK, the USA and Australia. The conference programme will be available shortly.

For further details contact Finian Joyce, Leitrim's Chief Fire Officer, who is Chair of the CFOA Organising Committee for ISES 2021, Secretary of FEU and Core Group Member of the European Fire Safety Alliance, e-mail: [fjoyce@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:fjoyce@leitrimcoco.ie), phone 087-2313884. More information on the seminar website [www.ises2021.eu](http://www.ises2021.eu) will follow, or email [info@ises2021.eu](mailto:info@ises2021.eu).



During the seminar in Antwerp in 2019 over 200 delegates, speakers and fire industry colleagues attended from 12 EU countries as well as Norway and USA. The end of the seminar saw the tradition of transferring the ISES cup to the host of the next seminar. Finian Joyce, Chair of the CFOA Organising Committee for ISES 2021, is pictured holding the cup!

