



# WSH Bulletin

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## WSH Symposium on Cranes focuses on safe lifting operations in the new normal

Themed “Ensuring Safe Lifting Operations in Workplaces and a Healthy Workforce, in the New Normal”, the annual Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Symposium on Cranes was held on 14 October 2021. Close to 900 participants attended the virtual event which aimed to raise WSH standards and professionalism in the crane and lifting community, and share best practices and the latest developments in technology, capacity building, and health and well-being.

In his opening address, Mr John Ng, Chairman of the WSH Council, said crane-related fatalities was amongst key concerns facing Singapore back in 2009. Following efforts by the WSH Council (Crane and Lifting) Taskforce with strong support from the tripartite partners, the number of crane-related fatalities dropped from 10 cases in 2009 to one in 2019.

He urged the industry to continue its efforts for zero crane-related dangerous occurrences through the WSH 2028 strategies:

- 1) **Strengthening WSH Ownership** by instilling a right mindset and fostering a culture of care within the organisation. To aid the industry in deepening its risk management capabilities, he announced the upcoming release of a new Lifting Supervisor Assessment Guide, which will be launched by the first quarter of 2022.
- 2) **Enhancing focus on Workplace Health** so that the industry can manage and conduct safer crane lifting operations, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, as work responsibilities of the crane operators are physically and mentally demanding.
- 3) **Promoting Technology-Enabled WSH** such as the Stability Control System for lorry cranes, and data loggers for mobile and crawler cranes. Such technologies have proven to be effective in making crane operations safer.

The Symposium concluded with a lively and candid Question and Answer session, where the speakers addressed pertinent WSH issues faced by participants at their workplaces.

Download the presentation slides from the [WSH Symposium on Cranes 2021 webpage](#).

For more information or to sign up for the Safe Lifting Clinic, please contact the Singapore Institution of Safety Officers at 6777 5185 or [membership@siso.org.sg](mailto:membership@siso.org.sg).

Visit the WSH Council website for more information about [safe lifting operations](#) and [take time to take care](#) of the safety and health of your crane operators.

Read Mr John Ng’s speech [here](#).



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## Young NTUC introduces first WSQ-certified training in peer-to-peer mental well-being support at the workplace

Young NTUC, together with NTUC LearningHub and Singapore Anglican Community Services, has developed a Workforce Skills Qualification (WSQ) Certified Training in Peer-to-Peer Mental Well-Being Support @ Work. This is the first WSQ-certified course that is focused on equipping working adults with peer support and psychological first aid skills.

The initiative is also jointly supported by the Agency for Integrated Care, Institute of Mental Health, Workplace Safety and Health Council, and the Youth Mental Well-Being Network, a collective effort that Young NTUC is part of and helmed by the Ministry of Social and Family Development, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

In line with the Tripartite Advisory for Mental Well-Being at Workplaces last year, this course aims to develop peer supporters who can help foster a psychologically safe environment at work and destigmatise mental health issues at the workplace.

The course is designed to be a two-day workshop in a highly interactive format comprising of small breakout activities, roleplays and sharing of personal stories by seasoned peer supporters. The course will cover the following topics:

- Overview of mental well-being support in workplaces
- Being a peer supporter
- Introduction to psychological first aid
- Caring for others
- Caring for self

The first run of the course has commenced on 5–6 October. Upcoming public runs will be available on 22–23 October and 19–20 November, with more to be announced in 2022.

For further information, interested parties can write in to [youngntuc@ntuc.org.sg](mailto:youngntuc@ntuc.org.sg).

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