Niall O'Donovan

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Managing Director,
Chartered Engineer and Chartered Safety and Health Professional

Qualifications

(2003)
University College Dublin (CPD)
Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health
(First Class Hons)

(1988)
University College Cork
BE (Civil)

Niall O'Donovan has over 20 years experience in the construction sector. Prior to establishing Niall O'Donovan & Partners in 2005, Niall worked with international companies such as Kier Group and Atkins Consulting Engineers. The partnership evolved into a limited company in 2007 due to changes in legislation (in relation to the appointment of Project Supervisor Design Process) and in order to enhance growth potential.

Niall specialises in construction related health and safety and has worked with leading organisations, including:

- Scott Tallon Walker;
- Grontmij Consulting Engineers;
- Howard Holdings;
- Michael McNamara & Co.;
- John Sisk and Son;

In addition Niall has provided consultancy services to state organisations, including:

- Health and Safety Authority;
- Environmental Protection Agency;
- Office of Public Works;
- ESB International;
- Local Authorities.

Longford Town Centre

Parknasilla Hotel - Phase 2 (Conference and Golf Course)

Niall has set out risk management policies for leading companies, including:

- Mater Campus Hospital Development Limited;
- O_2 Ireland;
- William Fry Solicitors.

Niall is a chartered member of IOSH (Institution of Occupational Safety & Health) and is the current chairperson of the Consultancy Section of IOSH in Ireland. He has given papers at seminars on the role of designers in complying with all aspects of health and safety legislation, and has been a visiting lecturer on the subject of risk management in design in University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin.

Niall has worked with leading designers in managing risk during the design process. Where Assure Health and Safety Consultants is appointed as PSDP, Niall undertakes the role of Health and Safety Coordinator for the Design Process, on behalf of the company. Assure Health and Safety Consultants has been appointed as PSDP on a number of projects including Thornton Hall Prison (up to Technical Close), Longford Town Centre, Bus Éireann Maintenance Depot.

The Health and Safety Authority has engaged Assure Health and Safety Consultants, to provide technical assistance in the preparation of Codes of Practice and guideline documents, including:

- Code of Practice for Access and Working Scaffolds;
- Code of Practice for Roofwork;
- Code of Practice the Design and Installation of Anchors.

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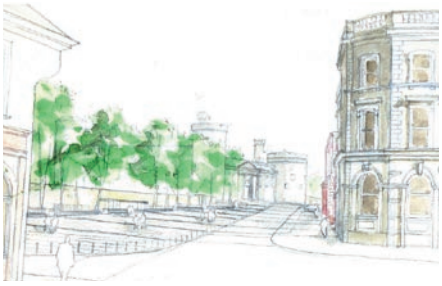
Clients in Construction - Health and Safety Authority



Kilkenny Parade and Gravel Walk

Niall's internal role in managing health and safety within Assure Health and Safety Consultants involves:

- Ensuring compliance with all Statutory Health & Safety requirements.
- Development and management of an appropriate safety management system.
- Directly taking on the duties of Health and Safety Coordinator for the Design Process on behalf of the PSDP on projects where **Assure HSC are appointed to this role, such as:**
  - Taking account of existing Safety Files.
  - Coordinating designers in the consideration of the general principles of prevention.
  - Arranging cooperation between designers in the consideration of the general principles of prevention.
  - Take consideration of the general principles of prevention in commenting on the programme.
  - Preparing a Preliminary Safety Plan describing the project and highlighting significant residual risks, not apparent from drawings and specifications.
  - Preparing the Safety File for handover to the Client on Project completion.

Relevant Project Experience:

(August 1995 to December 2005)
Atkins

Mater Campus Hospital Development
Lead consultant in the development of overall strategic health & safety policies and procedures. These set out how health and safety was to be managed during the design and construction of the various stages of the MCHD project.

Project Role:	Health and Safety Consultant
Client:	MCHD Limited
Contract Value:	Confidential

Health and Safety Authority
Appointed under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 2005 (and previously 1989) to investigate accidents and to prepare Special Reports in accordance with the provision of the Act. These investigations are confidential.

Project Role:	Health and Safety Consultant
Client:	Health and Safety Authority
Contract Value:	Confidential

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Office of Public Works - Scaffolding

Thornton Hall Prison, Co. Dublin
Assure HSC are appointed as PSDP up to Technical Close for the design and build of the proposed Thornton Hall Prison.

Project Role:	PSDP (up to Technical Close)
Client:	Michael McNamara & Co.
Contract Value:	Confidential

Longford Town – Shopping Centre
The centre comprises of a five storey north building and a four level south building. The two buildings are joined by a high level vehicular bridge over the River Camlin.

Project Role:	PSDP
Client:	Michael McNamara & Co.
Extension:	€25m million

Kinsale Harbour Hotel
Assure Health and Safety Consultants were appointed as PSDP for the development of a three storey hotel over three basement levels, consisting of 120,000ft2 floor area. The hotel is adjacent to tidal water.

Project Role:	PSDP
Client:	Howard Holdings
Construction Value:	€20m

Kilkenny Parade and Canal Square Urban Works
This project involves the redevelopment of the streetscape including the Parade, Canal Square and a length of Canal Walk all within Kilkenny City.

Project Role:	PSDP
Client:	Kilkenny Borough Council
Construction Value:	€6m

Cleve Hill Development, Cork
Assure Health and Safety Consultants were appointed as PSDP for the development of high quality scheme of 18 houses on the Blackrock Road in Cork.

Project Role:	PSDP
Client:	Howard Holdings
Construction Value:	Confidential