



MEET THE TEAM

Kevan O'Neill
Marine Services Director

After gaining 11 years experience in the construction sector, Kevan began his career with Lucion in 2012 as a trainee surveyor/analyst. He was fast tracked through Lucion's personal development programme, where he gained extensive experience in carrying out inspections and analytical works and gained the highest British industry standard in asbestos management, the BOHS Certificate of Competence in Asbestos.

Kevan also developed a wealth of practical experience in managing hazardous materials for clients in the marine, construction, utilities and oil & gas sectors and in 2014 he became a Principal Consultant for Lucion's consultancy division. He then began to specialise in hazardous materials management in the marine sector, working with clients such as Maersk, BW Offshore and Helix Well Ops where he lead teams of surveyors and analysts to deliver inventory of hazardous material surveys and remediation and ship recycling plans (SRPs) in locations across the world.

As Marine Services Director, Kevan now uses his expertise to support our clients in managing hazardous materials on vessel fleets, ships and offshore platforms and maintaining compliance with Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), the Hong Kong Convention and the EU Ship Recycling Regulations. Kevan is an approved Senior Expert working on behalf of the European Commission in the review, audit and approval process of ship recycling facilities that are situated outside of the European, Union and who wish to appear on the 'European List' of approved recycling facilities.

What does your role involve?

As Marine Services Director I oversee all Marine activities within the business, covering both the commercial and operational activities. I liaise with international clients and aid in the planning involved with getting our teams to wherever we may be needed, globally.

What experience has led you to a role within Lucion Marine?

Back in 2012 when I joined Lucion I was Surveyor and Analyst. My career progression path lead me to become the Technical Lead for the West Midlands office. There I built up more experience in the management of some of our larger clients of the time. This then soon evolved into the National Client Manager role, and within this role I was assisting Phil Rozier in the management of the Marine clients that we had back then. My career has developed from there to become what it is now, lead by a huge focus on the environmental aspects and responsible vessel recycling, driven by European Regulations.

Biggest Achievement or challenge in your career at Lucion so far?

My career progression with Lucion has been fairly rapid, and as part of that, I have managed to obtain my BOHS P401/2/3/4/5 and Certificate of Competence in Asbestos (CoCA). Latterly, I have achieved recognition from the Royal Institute of Naval Architects (RINA) by demonstrating knowledge of our specialist subject of Hazardous Materials in the Maritime sector, all of which I am fairly chuffed with.

What do you believe is the biggest challenge the marine industry faces?

There is a large focus on environmental considerations that have come about in recent years which place huge responsibilities on ship owners and operators. For example, enforcement of the European Ship Recycling Regulations and the requirements under MARPOL Annexe VI, enforced by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The requirements of both of these could be considered fairly onerous to the owner/operators from both an operational and economic perspective, which as yet, I do not feel is fully appreciated by the industry.

What would you like to see happen in the marine industry within the next five years?

The maritime world has been operating in a similar fashion for many years. Only recently has it become more apparent that people accept and understand the regulatory changes imposed on them or their organisations. In the future, a greater industry-wide education clarifying the reasoning behind the need for change and the end goal would result in a far more responsible and sustainable industry.

What differentiates Lucion from other risk management companies?

I have always considered Lucion to be the Eddie Stobart of the hazard management world. An excellent brand and a great reputation, this is not something that can be bought, only earned. A direct result of the hard work of all of those involved over the last 15 years.

