

PONY CLUB



Insights with Equine Professionals

Event Management

A webinar series organised and hosted by The Pony Club Youth Advisory Council.

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This free event is aimed at Pony Club Members. Whether you're considering an equestrian career or simply curious about these unique roles, this webinar offers valuable insights you don't want to miss.

Guest List

Paul Hagerty

Cross Country Controller and
Commentator



Andrew Chadwick

Event Safety and Management
Sports Governance



Meg Cappaert

Chillington Hall Horse Trials
Event Volunteer
Event First Responder



Career Profile

Paul Hagerty

Q. What is your job title?

A. Cross Country Controller and Commentator

Q. What did you study at school/university?

A. Nothing useful until I got to university where I discovered computing

Q. What are of the most enjoyable parts of your role?

A. Getting a large team of people, many of whom only meet once a year, to work as a cohesive team

Q. What aspect of your role would people find surprising?

A. The amount of preparation before an event and the level of activity/concentration needed in the control box

Q. What is a short description of your job role?

A. As a cross country controller I am appointed by the event organiser and it is my job to manage the cross country course, under the direction of the British Eventing Steward and the British Eventing Technical Advisor, to ensure the safety of the competitors, horses officials, volunteers and public, as well as facilitating the smooth running of the competition.



Notes

Use the space below to take any notes from Paul's talk:

Career Profile

Andrew Chadwick

Q. What is your job title?

A. Company Director - EquiSafe Ltd (Health and Safety Consultants) and Chair of Equestrian Safety Group

Q. What did you study at school/university?

A. I have completed a range of external courses related to my role including:

- Advanced Event Management
- Accident Investigation
- Terrorism Studies
- Event Safety Official and Competition Stewarding
- Criminal Investigation Intelligence
- Qualified GVC Aircraft Operator
- Emergency / Critical Incident Planning

Q. What are the most enjoyable parts of your role?

A. Seeing positive outcomes of successful event planning. Being able to work in the equestrian industry

Q. What aspect of your role would people find surprising?

A. The amount of behind the scenes work that goes on for a two day horse trials and how soon planning starts and changes in the run up, many different challenges and solutions

Q. What is a short description of your job role?

A. My role as a safety steward includes legislative compliance and contingency planning. In the event of an incident/accident, compliance with HSE reporting requirements and accident investigation. Proactive risk management is needed should new or ongoing hazards develop. Promoting a culture of 'reasonable practicable' solutions for health, safety and welfare of all involved including horse welfare.



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Career Profile

Meg Cappaert

Q. What is your job title?

A. British Eventing Volunteer, Event First Responder and Member of organising team for Chillington Hall Horse Trials

Q. What did you study at school/university?

A. GCSEs and A Levels, Young Equestrian Leaders Awards - Bronze, Silver and Gold, First Response Emergency Care Level 3, Conflict Management and Personal Safety, Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Awareness, Annual Statutory and Mandatory Training

Q. What is the most enjoyable parts of your role?

A. Working as part of an amazing team, giving back to the sport, experiencing new things through my love of eventing and emergency medicine

Q. What aspect of your role would people find surprising?

A. The amount of behind the scenes work that goes into making an event happen - riders never understand until they volunteer themselves! Also the range of incidents we have to be prepared for

Q. What is a short description of your job role?

A. When I was volunteering, I was a fence judge which meant I had to report horses over an allocated fence, award penalties should they need them and request appropriate support in the event of a fall. Now as a member of the organising team, I coordinate the volunteers and staffing allocations and assist with their briefings. I also create content for social media, run prize givings, liaise with sponsors, competitors and owners, and respond to incidents should they occur. As a First Responder at events, I am on standby to provide immediate, life saving intervention should it be required. As a team, we deal with a variety of injuries and illnesses from critically unwell patients to those that are on their feet and just need a check over.



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Reflective Questions

Now you have heard from the guests, answer the following questions to help you reflect on what you have learnt and how this may help shape your career choices in future.

Q. Which career of the three do you think you are most interested in and why?

A.

Q. If you were to pursue a career in equine event management, what actions would you need to take to start your journey?

A.

Q. Are there any challenges in this journey? If so, how do you plan on overcoming them?

A.



Q. What kind of training, certifications, or experiences do you think would be essential for entering the equine event management industry?

A.

Q. What role does technology or innovation play in shaping equestrian careers particularly in equine event management?

A.

Q. How can internships, volunteering, or apprenticeships help you decide which equestrian career is the best fit for you?

A.



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