

# GIRI members' forum: How can we learn from errors?

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Working together to eliminate error,  
by industry, for industry.



# Online forum: housekeeping

- Presentation is being recorded and will be posted on our YouTube channel
- 'Raise hand' to speak.
- Use chat box to share ideas.
- Microphones – muted unless speaking. Host will mute if necessary.
- Cameras – off, but switched on if possible when speaking.

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# Today's agenda

- GIRI update and feedback from previous forums
- How can we learn from errors?
- Q&A discussion
- Summary of key observations

# GIRI update: Ed McCann

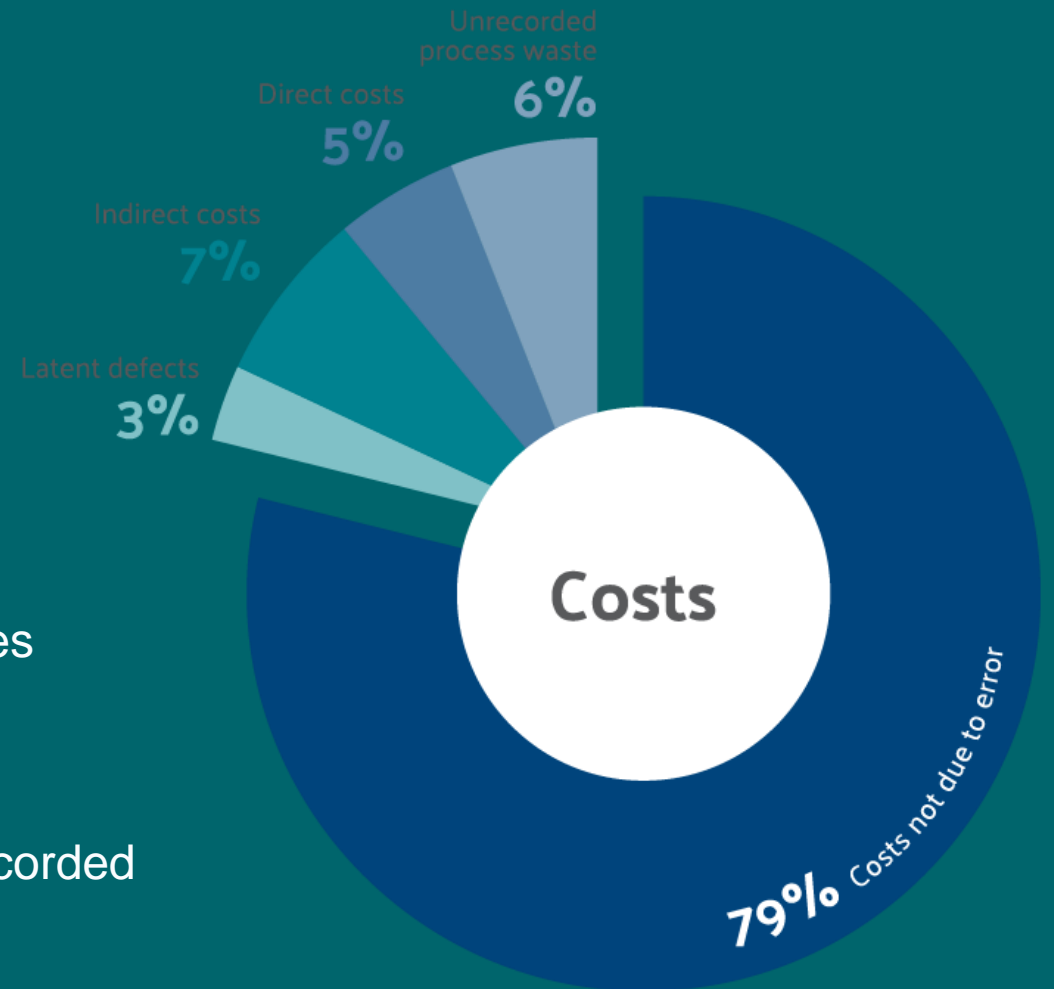
# Wasted spend on error

**Direct costs of error (5%)**  
resources used in correcting an error

**Indirect costs of error (7%)**  
Resources used in follow on work and costs to other parties

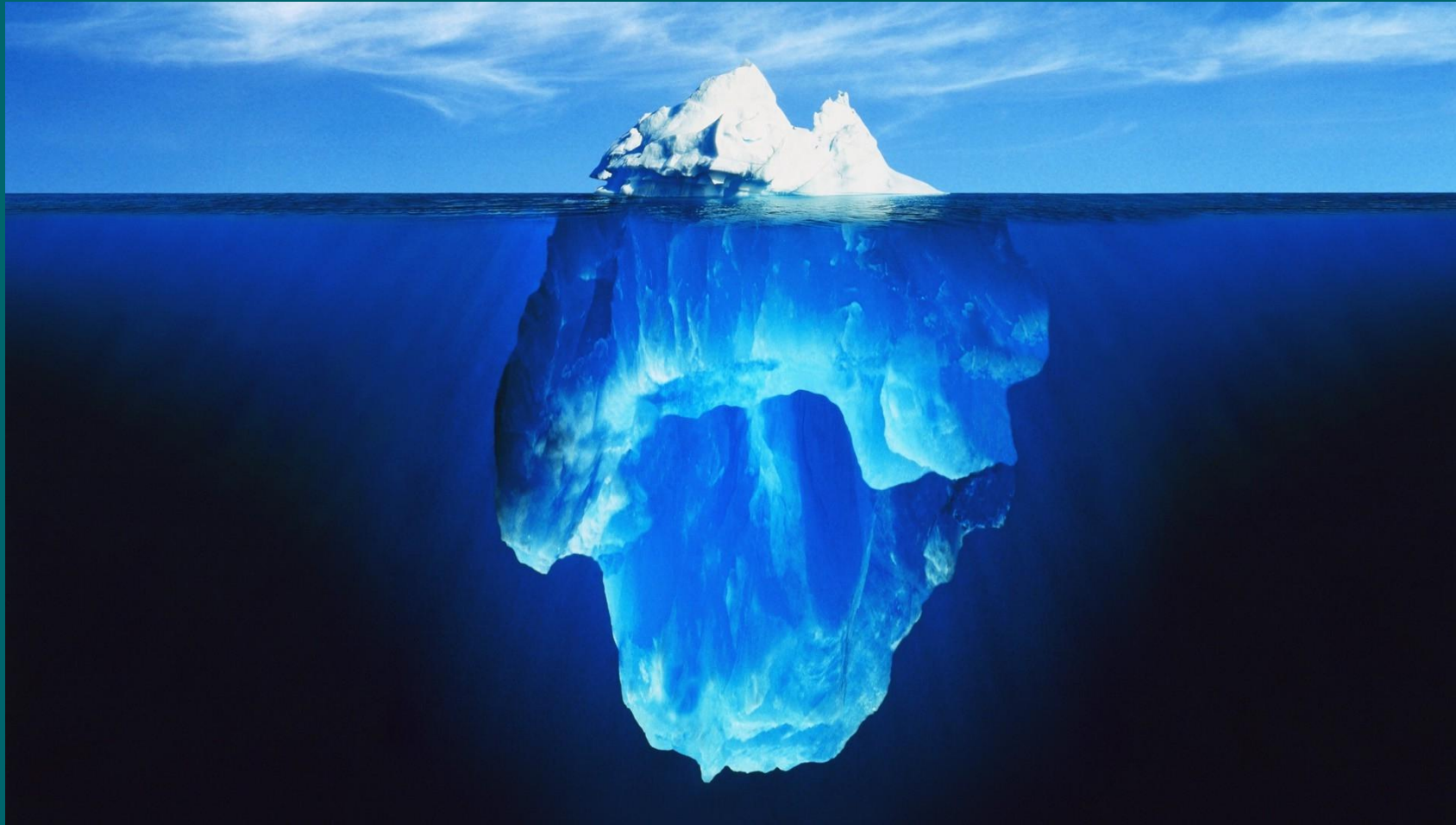
**Unrecorded process waste (6%)**  
Errors occur, are identified and corrected without being recorded

**Latent defects (3%)**  
remain in place after client acceptance and any 'defects liability period' has passed



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# Root causes of error

Inadequate planning (from task through to project level)

Late design changes

Poorly communicated design information

Poor culture in relation to quality

Poorly coordinated and incorrect design information

Inadequate attention paid in the design to construction

Excessive commercial (financial and time) pressures

Poor interface management and design

Ineffective communication between team members

Inadequate supervisory skills

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“Any part of this sector who thinks they can survive by standing still or defending their current territory is sadly mistaken”

*Dame Judith Hackitt*



# Strategic aim of GIRI

To improve construction productivity and quality by eliminating error.

# Recent GIRI forums

- Checking procedures and how they impact on error reduction
- Behaviours to prevent error
- Creating and maintaining a positive culture
- Working with a changing supply chain & materials

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# How can we learn from errors?

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# Helen Soulou

- Board Member at GIRI
- Automotive, aerospace , infrastructure projects
- MSc in Quality Management
- Fellow of the Chartered Quality Institute
- Honorary Lecturer at UCL, Barlett School of Construction and Project Management



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# History of the 8D

# The 8 Discipline Problem Solving Tool

- Developed at Ford Motor Company in 1986-1987
- Team Oriented Problem Solving tool - created upon senior management request
- In the 1990s Ford re-wrote some material and it was retitled “Global 8D”
- 1996 Ford-Firestone tyre failures lead to 271 deaths, 23 million tyres recalled – 8D investigation lasted for years and root cause was identified and resolved
- One of the most popular tools used today by any industry to solve complex problems

**Designed for: containment, root cause analysis,  
prevention**

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# Prevention



# Root Cause Analysis linked with Safety Prevention



- 2018: Every safety alert to be accompanied by root cause analysis using a standardised template
- “Workmanship” is banned as a root cause
- Forum to share the learning amongst Heathrow, designers and contractors
- Simple measure: Safe Days
- 2019: Quality and Safety Campaign

**2020: Best ever Safe Days score  
293 days**

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# An exceptional example

## Incident Description

Whilst carrying out **high pressure injection works** to repair a crack in a concrete structure, a member of the team sustained a **high pressure injection injury to their left thumb**.

This resulted in the **amputation of the tip of the affected thumb and extensive surgery to the affected hand**

## Root Cause

The root cause of the accident was identified as a **design issue which allowed the system to remain pressurised whilst the feed hose to the wall fitting was adjusted**.

It was this act that allowed the injection fluid to escape under pressure whilst the injured party's hand was in a position that was exposed to danger

# An exceptional example

## Preventive Action

The pressure injection equipment **was re-engineered to eradicate the potential for this to happen again**. In addition to this additional **control measures were also added to the operating procedures** for the activity to ensure that the safety of the personnel using the equipment was maintained. (i.e. Use of injection resistant gloves, retraining, etc)

To address the root cause of the accident, the supplier re-engineered the pressure injection unit to make it a **two handed operation**. In doing so, this ensures that the system cannot deliver a pressurised flow of resin **unless the two separate controls are activated**.

This effectively means that the operator **cannot then place their hand near to the hazard area when the system is pressurised and that the pressure within the system is “dumped” should they remove either one of their hands from the controls**.

A secondary **thumb cage / guard** has also be attached around the wall fitting connection point to prevent the operator (or any other person) from putting their hand in a position that may be exposed to danger.

# The Toolkit







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### Problem Solving Tool kit

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#### Assemble Team & Define the Problem

Idea / problem / issue	Brief description (measurable terms where applicable)			
Originator	Insert Name	Insert Role	Date	Insert Date
<b>*D1* Team members: include experts, stakeholders, impacted parties etc. as required.</b>				
Name	Facilitator / Team Lead	Role		Company
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#### \*D2\* Definition of the problem / opportunity

**Problem statement**  
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**Summary of the description of the problem:**  
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### Problem Solving Tool kit

	IS	IS NOT
Who	Who is affected by the problem?	Who is not affected by the problem?
	Who first observed the problem?	Who did not find the problem?
	To whom was the problem reported?	
What	What type of problem is it?	What does not have the problem?
	What has the problem (part id, lot #s, etc)?	What could be happening but is not?
	Do we have physical evidence of the problem?	What could the problem be but is not?
Why	Why is this a problem?	Why is it not a problem?
Where	Where was the problem <u>first observed</u> ?	Where could the problem be located but is not?
	Where does the problem occur?	Where else could the problem be located but is not?
When	When was THIS problem noticed?	When could the problem have been noticed but was not?
	When has it been noticed since?	
How Much/ Many	Quantity of problem?	How many could have the problem but don't?
	How much is the problem costing in pounds, people, & time?	How big could the problem be but is not?
How Often	What is the trend (continuous, random, cyclical)?	What could the trend be but is not?
	Has the problem occurred previously?	

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- **D1:** Form the team
- **D2:** Determine the problem



# “Is” And “Is Not” Analysis

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#### Interim Containment Actions

**\*D3\* Implement & Verify Interim Containment Actions (ICAs)**

- Are there actions that need to be implemented immediately to:
  - protect the business?
  - prevent escalation of the issue(s)?
  - temporarily improve or resolve the issue(s)?
- Outline action plan to contain the problem.
- Follow up and verify that the containment actions have been implemented effectively

**Implement Containment Actions:**

#	Immediate & Containment Action	When - Started	When - Finished	Who	Evidence - Link to evidence in SharePoint	Status (Not started, initiated, completed)
1						Initiated
2						Completed
						Not started

**Verify Containment Actions effectiveness:**

#	Action - Verify containment actions effectiveness	When - Started	When - Finished	Who	Evidence - Link to evidence in SharePoint	Status (Not started, initiated, completed)
1						Not started

**\*D4\* Identify & Verify Root Cause(s)**

Tools used	Approach taken
Brainstorming	Select tools to be used and describe how the root cause analysis has been conducted.
Boundary diagram	
Cause & Effect (Fishbone)	
5 Whys	
Data collection & analysis	
Process mapping	
Other (please specify)	

**Root cause(s) Identified**

Clear statement as to how the root cause(s) lead to the problem.

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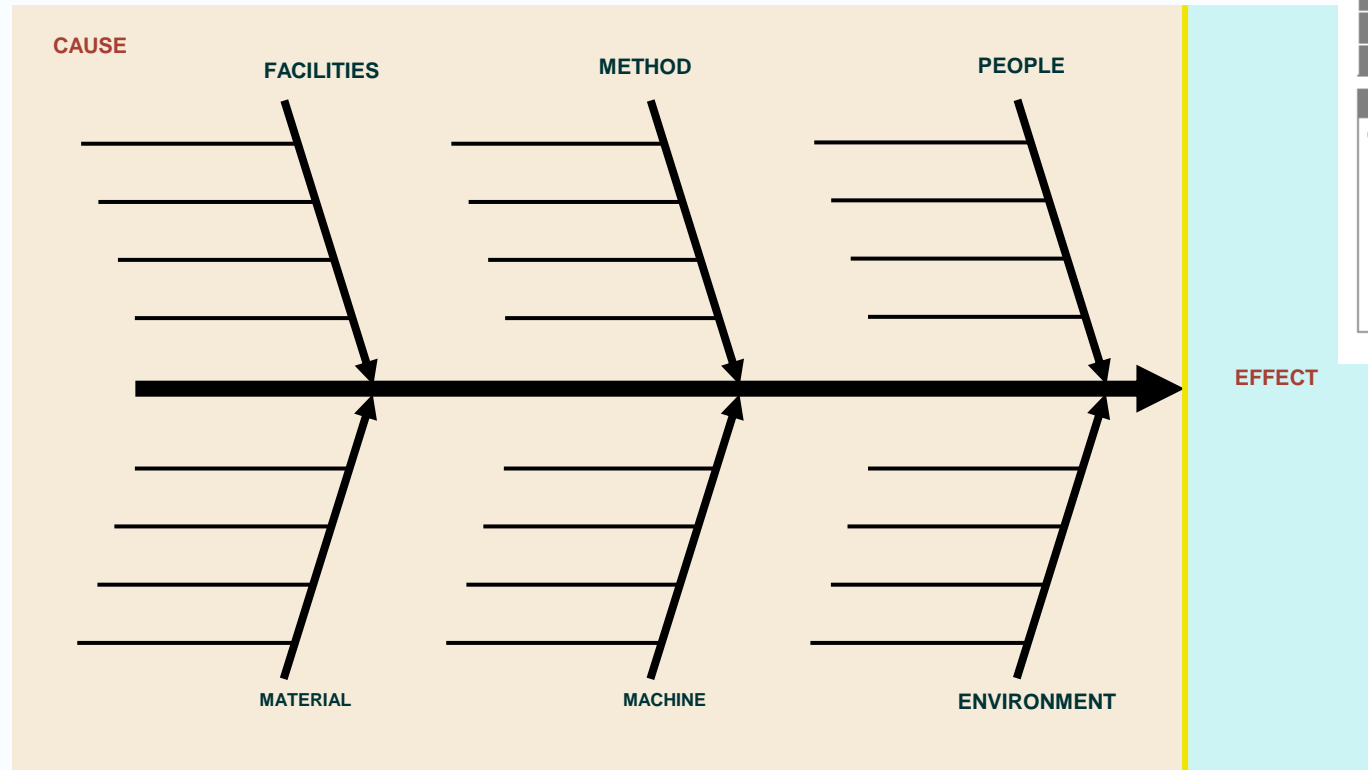
- **D3:** Implement and verify containment actions
- **D4:** Root cause analysis (with selection of tools)

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# D4: Root cause analysis

## Cause and Effect – the Fishbone Diagram

Technique to help identify all of the likely causes of a problem / issue



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Determine Solution

**"D5 & D7" Identify & Verify Permanent Corrective Actions (PCAs)**

Correction – Correct the problem.  
 Prevention – Prevent the root cause from occurring (remove the root cause)

Consider: Like to do vs. Must do  
 Ranking and rating of potential solutions

Implement solution

**"D6 & D7" Action Plan to implement & Validate PCAs**

Implement & validate PCAs.  
 Prevent recurrence of the Problem/Root Cause

#	Action	Corrective / Preventive	When - Started	When - Finished	Who	Evidence – Link to evidence in Sharepoint	Status (Not started, initiated, completed)
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2							Initiated
3							Completed
4							

Outcome

Results	Benefits
Monitor for improvement for a period of time. If problem still exists repeat the process.	Measured and quantified e.g. time, cost etc.

**Application of learning – Prevent recurrence of the Problem/Root Cause** | In CEMAR? Yes / No

How will the learning be communicated / applied

**"D8" Recognition**

How will the originator / team be recognised, and the output communicated

- **D5:** Evaluate root causes and generate solutions (corrective actions)
- **D6:** Implement solution
- Outcome: Results and benefits achieved
- **D7:** Application of learning (prevent recurrence of the problem/root cause-s)
- **D8:** Recognise the efforts of the Team



# Thank You

Any Questions?



# GIRI toolkit template

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Next event:

# Better knowledge means fewer errors

Guest speaker: **Dr Gregor Harvie**

Co-founder and director of Designing Buildings Wiki

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 1.30pm**

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