

# Hazards 2017 Programme #Haz2017

## Organising health, safety and welfare in an insecure world

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

- 13.00 – 19.30 Delegates arrival and Registration  
**!CHOOSE ONE and SIGN UP for Saturday Campaign meetings at Registration!**
- 17.00 – 19.30 Evening Meal
- 19.30 – 21.00 **Opening Plenary in Westminster Theatre**

Chair: **Doug Russell**, USDAW; opening remarks **Speakers: Janet Newsham**, Hazards Campaign: Welcome and Conference arrangements; **Jessica Martinez**, Director National COSH, USA; **Dan Shears**, GMB; **Tracey Seward**, FACK; **Mick Lancaster** GMB/FACK

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July

- 07.30 – 9.00 Registration for later arrivals/non-residential delegates
- 07.00 – 08.45 Breakfast
- 09.00 – 10.30 **First Workshop Session**
- 10.30– 11.00 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Second Workshop Session**
- 12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.45

#### **3 Meetings**

**1. Challenging the individual therapy view versus collective action to prevent work causing mental ill-health**

Chair: Hugh Robertson, TUC; Speaker: **Paul Maloney**, Psychologist, author of 'The Therapy Industry'

**2. Towards zero work-related cancer** Chair: Kathy Jenkins, Scottish Hazards; Speakers: **Helen Lynn** Alliance for Cancer Prevention; Susan Murray UNITE

**3. Using new methods of organising on health and safety** Chair: Janet Newsham, GM Hazards Centre; Speakers: **Barry Faulkner**, UNITE; **Gareth Lane** BFAWU; **Michael Newman**, Leigh Day; **Bryan Simpson**, Better than Zero.

15.45 – 16.00

Tea/Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.3

**Go to the Campaign Meeting you selected – see Room Allocation signs at Registration**

19.00 - 20.30

Dinner

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July

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07.30 – 09.15

Breakfast

Clear rooms- bring cases to secure room in registration area

10.00 - 12.00

#### **Closing Plenary in Westminster theatre**

Chair: Hazards Campaign: **'Enough is Enough: End deregulation now !**

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**Speakers: Matt Wrack**, General Secretary, FBU, Hazards Campaign; Others tbc;

12.00 – 13.30

**Packed Lunch - eat with us or take away & depart**

**Saturday 29th July**  
**Campaign Meetings 16.00 – 17.30**  
**Choose ONE and then Sign up at Registration**

**1. International solidarity to combat attacks on workers; lives and health**

Main health and safety problems facing workers worldwide including Brexit, CETA and the alphabet soup of other toxic 'free trade;' treaties Developing Global Occupational Safety and Health Networks GOSH to fight back.

Chair: **Kathy Jenkins**, Scottish Hazards; Speakers: **Jessica Martinez**, USA National COSH

**2. Campaigning against Asbestos in schools, in all workplaces, in UK and globally**

Update on campaigning locally, nationally and globally to get asbestos banned globally, to get asbestos removed from schools and other workplaces and for better treatment and compensation for sufferers.

Chair: **Philip Lewis** LASAG and LHC; Speakers **Sarah Lyons**, Joint Union Asbestos Committee (JUAC)/NUT; **Harminder Bains**, Leigh Day Solicitors; **Graham Dring**, Chair of Asbestos Victims Support Groups

**3. Update on the legal state of health and safety.**

Recent legal changes to legal aid, tribunals, personal injury/ work-death, stress cases, TU Bill, and their implications for workers and union safety reps.

Chair: tbc; Speakers: **Satinder Bains** and **Keith Cundall**, Irwin Mitchell

**4. Dogs can be dangerous**

Raising awareness of the hazards of dogs to workers who call or enter a premises, the preventative measures developed jointly CWU and Royal Mail to reduce the risk - prevent serious injuries or death. What union safety reps can do in discussions with their employers to improve policies or improve them to protect workers.

Chair: **Lynsey Mann**, GMB; Speakers **Andrew Hickerman** and **Tony Pedal**, CWU

**5. Work-Related Death, supporting families and fighting back**

What FACK does in supporting families after a work-death and advocating for them through the investigation, inquest and any prosecutions. Using our stories in campaigning and how supporting solicitors provide essential legal representation to ensure equality of arms at Inquests. Issues arising from Grenfell.

Chair: **Hilda Palmer**, FACK, Speakers: **Tracey Seward**, **Michael Lancaster** FACK members; **Helen Clifford**, McMillan Williams Solicitors. **Families Against Corporate Killers**, FACK, is supported by TU donations and sponsorship from Irwin Mitchell and McMillan Williams solicitors.

**6. Whatever happened to welfare ?**

Welfare at work – it's the poor relation to Health and Safety these days. What happened to the lunch hour? Has your tea-break been sold? Do you eat lunch at your desk these days – where did staff common rooms or canteens go? Share our experience of reduced welfare facilities at work. What else should we demand from employers? Let's make improved welfare provision a workplace campaign this year.

Chair **Janet Newsham**; Speaker **John Bamford**, GM Hazards Centre

**7. Air pollution as a Workplace issue**

Air pollution is a public health emergency and is linked to at least 40,000 deaths on the UK each year. It is a workplace issue taken up by the Greener Jobs Alliance, UCU and Hazards Campaign. What can we do about it as union safety reps?

Chair **Caroline Bedale**; Speaker **Adam Lincoln**, UCU Health, Safety and Sustainability Advisor

**Don't forget to complete an evaluation form and leave it at Registration**

**27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July Hazards 2018**  
**at Keele University**

**self-address an envelope on registration to be kept informed**

**And check on Hazards Campaign website: <http://www.hazardscampaign.org.uk> #Haz2017**