

## Harminder Bains – Leigh Day – Continual Global exposure to asbestos

Harminder Bains, Partner at Leigh Day, (whose father died from mesothelioma), spoke about the continual global exposure to asbestos to this day by the asbestos industry, despite the fact that asbestos is known to be a deadly substance. She advised that the asbestos industry was continuing to lobby for its use due to the fact that the asbestos industry is worth billions of pounds in profit.

Harminder showed a trailer to a film called “Breathless” which is a powerful and harrowing film depicting the struggle of ordinary people across India and Belgium against the asbestos industry who is continuing to expose them.

Link to trailer: <https://vimeo.com/263848494>

Link to Breathless Facebook page for up to date information:

<https://www.facebook.com/Movie.Breathless/>

In addition, Harminder informed delegates of a Trade Union called the Worker’s Initiative - Kolkata in India. The workers are struggling against its employers, Everest Industries Limited, the largest manufacturer of asbestos products in India, to recognise the dangers of asbestos. It has suspended workers who are actively informing its members of the hazards of asbestos and for organising medical camps.

**Harminder asked for messages of support to be emailed to Worker’s Initiative Kolkata: [workersinkolkata@gmail.com](mailto:workersinkolkata@gmail.com).**