

Hazards campaign

19th National Hazards Conference
Hazards 2008
will be held at
Keele University, Staffordshire
from 18th – 20th July 2008

Hazards 2008 Sponsorship Appeal

Our thanks to the 294 organisations & others who sponsored Hazards 2007. Unions at national, regional, & branch levels, Hazards campaigners and workers organisations, and trade union-linked personal injury solicitors all contributed. A total of 534 delegates registered for the conference.

In the opening plenary, Fiona Murie, the H&S specialist of the International Federation of Building & Wood Workers (IFBWW) reviewed the state of international H&S, and emphasised the importance of trade union organisation and solidarity in order to achieve higher standards internationally, despite the resistance of the employers at bodies like the ILO. Professor Andy Watterson of Stirling University gave conference a thought-provoking critique of the HSE's approach to the causes and incidence of work-related cancer

Liliana Alexa and Angela Bedy from the Battersea Crane Disaster Action Group (BCDAG) gave moving accounts of how the tower crane collapse on September 26th 2006 in Battersea had killed the crane driver Jonathan Cloke and Michael Alexa, Liliana's son and Angela's partner. The group has established a petition on the PM's website calling for improvements in crane safety, and has produced a manifesto for crane safety. BCDAG won the 2007 'Alan' award.

We invited all the most senior HSE officers to participate, thus giving them the opportunity to meet over 500 reps and activists, but they all managed to decline our invitation. Two of the HSE regional directors did participate in two of the debates; on sensible health & safety and the retreat from enforcement. The third debate discussed if we should campaign for more control by joint self-regulation. There were meetings on fire safety, climate change, RSI, behavioural safety, corporate killing, asbestos, work-related stress and cancer. 3 unions held their own receptions and meetings.

Hazards 2007 also celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Greater Manchester Hazards Centre, and presentations were made to the Centre's workers.

Hazards 2008 will be held at Keele University in Staffordshire, following an invitation from UCU activists in the Centre for Industrial Relations. As ever we will need your financial support. Please ask your organisation to consider this appeal.

Cheques should be made payable to **Hazards 2008**, and sent to: Hazards 2008, C/o GMHC, Windrush Millennium Centre, 70 Alexandra Road, Moss Side, Manchester, M16 7WD. **Tel: 0161 636 7558; e-mail: hazconf@gmhazards.org.uk**

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