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TELLING THE STORIES OF OUR LIVES On

International Workers Memorial Day Sunday 28th April 2013
'Remember the Dead: Fight for the Living'
Tell the government
"STOP IT: YOU'RE KILLING US!"

This is our day to tell our stories: to explain that poor or non-existent health and safety means workers are injured, killed and made ill, but this isn't due to freak, unavoidable accidents or rare diseases but because employers didn't care enough to obey the law and governments didn't make them.. We utterly reject this government's destruction of health and safety regulation and enforcement based on the lie that it is a 'burden on business', when the facts show the real burden of lack of health and safety is borne by us- the individuals hurt and their families, and on the public purse, not on business!

In 2013, after nearly 3 years of economic recession and specific government attacks on health and safety, scrapping of regulations and slashing of enforcement, workers and the public are at much greater risk of being injured, killed or made ill than ever before. But because of cuts in scrutiny, inspection, inspectors and reporting requirements, we are even less likely to hear about it in the press/media.

Our health and our safety is under attack like never before. All that we have now, that was hard won by the collective action of generations of workers and trade unions over the last 50 to 100 years, is under threat, and standards are being driven backwards. We are in a fight for our lives – deaths at work and ill-health are already rising - and we must defend health and safety for our own sake and that of our children and grandchildren.

The Hazards Campaign calls on everyone to mark International Workers Memorial Day by demanding more protection from work related harm, and rejecting the lie that good health and safety standards are a burden on business, when the reality is that bad health and safety standards are a massive and unacceptable burden on us and on the public purse!

We want Action not Reaction –
Proactive, preventative action that stops workers being killed injured or made ill,
not mopping up after the harm is done.

As 28th April is a Sunday this year check as some events will also take places on Friday and Saturday. We want to encourage workers to bring their families to events in our towns and cities, making the case that workers health and safety affects everyone, families and communities and that it affects public health and safety too as shown by the Legionnaire's disease outbreaks last year after proactive inspections of cooling towers were cut. Health and Safety isn't a joke, but is about everyone's lives and health. Lobby your MP, and take part in the closest event with union banners, placards and wreaths.

Resources

For Background to Workers Memorial Day: <http://gmhzards.files.wordpress.com/2011/06/wmd-background-leaflet-20131.pdf>

For Safety Reps Guide to Workers Memorial Day: <http://gmhzards.files.wordpress.com/2011/06/safety-reps-guide-wmd-20131.pdf>

For Stop it You're Killing us! leaflet summarizing government attacks, lies and the truth:
<http://gmhzards.files.wordpress.com/2011/06/updated-wdvtaw-leaflet-september-2012.pdf>

Order Form for Ribbons: Purple Forget-me-knot ribbons £30 per hundred inc. p&p:
<http://gmhzards.files.wordpress.com/2012/02/wmd-order-form-20121.doc>

Order Form for 'Union Workplaces are Safer Workplaces' car sticker price £30 per hundred:
<http://gmhzards.files.wordpress.com/2012/02/wmd-car-sticker-order-form.doc>

Order Form for Stationery/label stickers for use at events or mailings: sheets of 12 labels 60p plus p&p



<http://gmhazards.files.wordpress.com/2012/02/wmd-sticker-order-form.pdf>

Order Form for 'We didn't vote to die at Work' T-shirts including postage, sizes s,m,l,.xl,xxl,xxxl and limited number of children's sizes. http://www.hazardscampaign.org.uk/docs/wdvtaw_tshirts.pdf

Great for those organising and speaking at events, staffing stalls, stewarding marches.

FREE POSTERS The 2013 Workers' Memorial Day poster from Hazards magazine is the one on the back of current issue: **Action Not Reaction** is available in A3 and A4. see

http://www.hazards.org/images/hazards2013_workers_memorial_day_poster.jpg

We still have some stocks of 'We didn't vote to die at Work' and 'Job Killer' see images at

<http://www.hazards.org/wmd/images.htm#hazards>

For free posters available in A3 & A4 sizes - send your postal address and the number of each size you want to info@hazardscampaign.org.uk We would appreciate donations or sponsorship of Hazards 2013 Conference which keeps the price down for delegates and supports our campaign work throughout the year.

Statistics:

Globally every year more people are killed at work than in wars – **2.3 million worldwide** the International Labour Organisation estimates.

In the UK the Hazards Campaign estimates that every year over 1,400 are killed in work-related incidents and up to 50,000 die from work-related diseases (cancer 18,000, heart disease 20,000 and lung and other diseases 12,000). For Great Britain and North West Statistics for 2011/12:

<http://gmhazards.files.wordpress.com/2011/06/gmhc-stats-hazards-2012-nat.doc>

See Hazards Campaign explanation for arriving at this figure in Safety & Health Practitioner, December 2008: **'The Whole Story'**: <http://gmhazards.files.wordpress.com/2011/06/the-whole-story-shp-december-20081.doc>

For the names of those the HSE records as being killed at work, though not all the LA names for a reason we have not yet been able to establish, and only a fraction of those killed in work-related incidents, go to: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/foi/fatalities/in-year-names.htm>, and look at each year's deaths. They run from 1st April to end of March each year. 2012/13 will only be provisional by the time of WMD. You can use the buttons at top of the columns to sort by L.A. and get the names for your area.

At the Manchester WMD event we have different people reading out the names in blocks of 5. We also have someone who has lost a family member to asbestos say 'We remember all those killed by asbestos related disease', another will say 'All those killed by other cancers and work-related diseases', 'All those who commit suicide due to work pressures' and 'All those members of the public killed by work activities'

What's health and safety all about? FACK knows: Families Against Corporate Killers DVD 'Face the FACKS; the human cost of workplace killing' £10 see

<http://www.hazardscampaign.org.uk/fack/resources/facethefacks.pdf>, join FACK on the Families Against Corporate Killers Facebook group

Quiz on the state of health and safety in Greater Britain to use when lobbying MPS or with your members: <http://gmhazards.files.wordpress.com/2011/06/hazards-campaign-quiz-for-mps-hazards-2012.doc>

List of Greater Manchester MPs to lobby: <http://gmhazards.files.wordpress.com/2011/06/g-mr-mp-contact-details-2012-final.doc>

Hazards Campaign set up the 'We Didn't Vote to Die at Work' in July 2010 against government attacks: keep up to date: <http://www.hazards.org/votetodie/>; and join us on the Face Book: We Didn't Vote to Die at Work Group

For more information, resources, images, ideas, and a global listing of activities see: ITUC, Hazards WMD pages: <http://www.hazards.org/wmd/> and also Face Book Page Workers Memorial Day 28 April

See TUC Workers Memorial Day pages <http://www.tuc.org.uk/wmd>

TUC Manifesto for Health and Safety: Time for Change:

https://www.tuc.org.uk/tucfiles/531/TUC_Health_and_Safety_Manifesto_Time_for_Change.pdf

Events: Find one near you by checking TUC listing: <http://www.tuc.org.uk/workplace/tuc-21912-f0.cfm>

North West Events

Blackburn: Blackburn and district Trades Union Council event on Friday 26th April

Assemble 12.30 at WMD Tree at Northgate 2 mins silence and laying of wreaths. Contact Sec. Ian Gallagher, ig@eyegal.demon.co.uk

Bolton Trades Council event Sunday 28th April Meet 11 am at Bolton UNISON, Howell Croft House, Bolton BL1 1QY for refreshment, 11.10am march led by piper to Victoria Square. Speakers, minutes silence and release of balloons. Contact Sec. Martin McMulkin : mmcmulkin@hotmail.com

Chorley: Chorley Trades Council event on Friday 26th of April, service & speakers, meet at Park Gates, Astley Park, Chorley 17.45, bring flags and banners. Contact Sec. Steve Turner, secretarycdtc@hotmail.co.uk

Liverpool: UCATT event Sunday, 28th April, at UCATT's Memorial in Hunter Street, Liverpool. Assemble 11.45 a.m. Speakers include Lynn Collins, Reg. Sec. NWTUC and Bill Parry, UCATT Reg. Council Chairman.

Liverpool: Merseyside District joint union event Sunday 28th at 1pm at South Piazza of Georges Dock Building- corner of Mann Island and the Strand. Face painting, Fire Engine. Speakers include Len McCluskey, Steve Rotherham MP, Tony Kearns -CWU, Linzi Herbertson FACK.

Manchester: Exhibition at People's History Museum from Friday 19th April to 28th April

Joint Union event on Sunday 28th April Assemble in Albert Square for 10.30am fire engine, music from FBU Band, and Claire Mooney. Rally begins at 11 am with minutes silence, speakers including Kevan Nelson Reg Sec NW UNISON, union safety representatives, families of people killed by work (FACK), G.M. Asbestos Victims Support Group, ending with a Shout out for Safety!

Walk to:

People's History Museum 12.30: Short speeches, presentation of prizes for schools and refreshments

For more information Contact Hilda Palmer: mail@gmhazards.org.uk

Flyer: <http://gmhazards.files.wordpress.com/2012/02/flyer-for-manchester-wmd-2103.pdf>

Over 350 people attended last year's march and rally, let's make it even bigger this year!

Preston: WMD Committee event Saturday 27th April gather at 11.30am in Flag Market, minutes silence at 12 noon, service and speakers, more information from <http://www.lancashiretradeunions.org.uk>

Wigan event is on Sunday 28th April at 12 noon at WMD tree in Mesnes Park; speakers Ian Hodson President BFAWU, Lisa Nandy MP.

Others as we get them.

<http://gmhazards.files.wordpress.com/2012/02/resources-for-workers-memorial-day-20132.doc>