

## fack families against corporate killers

### Graham Meldrum killed 12<sup>th</sup> July By Karen Thompson partner

My partner Graham Meldrum was killed at work on the 12th of July 2005, another person who leaves for work never to return. He was working as an agency driver for TNT and delivering to Allied Bakeries in Glasgow.

Two companies now the subject of prosecution under the health and safety laws. We are 4 court appearances down with no plea. The tide of pain and trauma, the nightmares of wondering what happened and why still there, still haunting us, still overwhelming us. Graham's family and friends are disgusted at how little the lives of workers amount in our steadily increasing corporate world. We are angry and upset at the treatment of the families of Stockline and of all the families including ourselves. We no longer have faith in the justice system and from this we are now taking the lord advocate to the court of session for failing Graham and other victims. We demand a public enquiry for Stockline. I should be grieving, I should be rebuilding my life and mourning a wonderful man but instead I'm fighting tooth and nail for wee bits of information. We are now nearly two and a half years from Graham's death and I couldn't tell you what happened or if he suffered. There is something inhumane about this.

We are back at court on the 5<sup>th</sup> November back at the sheriff court, as always we will be there from 9am, bringing a human face to an anonymous prosecution.

**Concerned for the welfare of all workers Graham Meldrum was killed in a workplace incident on the 12th of July 2005 at Allied bakeries in The Balmore industrial estate. His death now the subject of a prosecution under health and safety laws, the 2 companies being prosecuted are ABF GRAIN PRODUCTS (FORMALLY KNOWN AS ALLIED BAKERIES) and TNT LOGISTICS UK LIMITED. Graham was 40 years old, he left elderly parents, a partner and children to mourn and pick up the pieces. Graham's death was horrific and needless. A gifted decent man was denied his tomorrows. Graham was renowned for his respect and care for all workers, his 16 years as a transport manager at greencity wholefoods testament to this. Graham's stint as a agency driver with, SUZIELINE BELLSHILL, short term to allow him to gain experience driving hgv1 vehicles. Graham loved machines, his building of cycles as a youngster, his restoration of classic motorbikes, his inventing and building of his beloved trike, his working as a driver as opposed to using his phd in chemistry made him unique. Graham was a very artistic welder who hated greed, loved life, worked hard and was partial to a beer or three. His disjointed dancing and love of punk music as well as Johnny Cash made us all smile. We have to learn from his death, it cant be in vain. We ask you to remember him today, we ask you to look after yourself and your colleagues regardless of who they are, temporary, casual, agency, whoever, we all have the right to life. So please look after yourself today, you are worth more than any cost or time cutting exercise, you are worth more**

**than any target regardless of who set it. We understand the pressures of work as did Graham but they are not worth dying for. Graham's family and friends have had to endure his loss, we don't wish it for any other family.**