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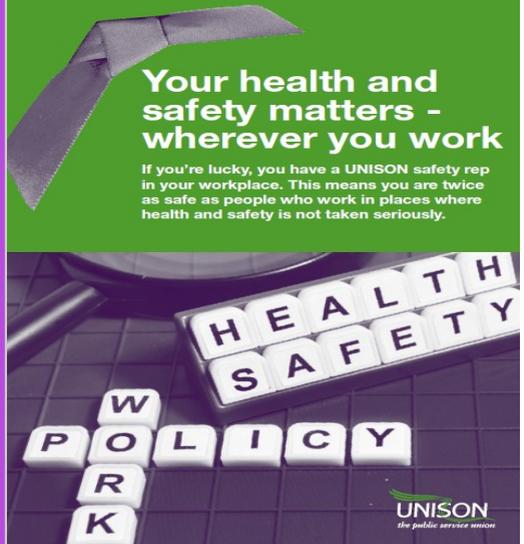
Workers

Memorial

Day 28 April;

Remember the

dead : fight for



28 April is International Workers Memorial Day (IWMD) and the message from UNISON for the day is that health and safety matters, and why safety reps such as yourselves are the key to keeping worker' safe. To find out more about the IWMD events being organised in your region [click here](#).

Organising for health, safety and welfare in UNISON

UNISON Health and Safety Seminar says “vote for a safer Britain”

That was the message from UNISON's 2015 Biennial Health and Safety Seminar.

Geoffrey Podger (former Chief Executive of the HSE) warned against making the HSE dependent on fees from employers, and National Officer Tracey Harding said that Geoffrey's comments reflects UNISON's concerns over privatising the HSE.

TUC health and safety head Hugh Robertson warned that employers' current obsession with “resilience” was just an excuse to pushing workers until they break and put the blame on individuals if they suffer stress.

“All of this reminds us of the importance of getting out to vote on 7 May,” said UNISON national health and safety committee chair Malcolm Harrington.





Other news

[New research to be conducted on what Healthcare Assistants \(HCAs\)](#)

NHS England is conducting new research on the impact of 12 hours shifts on both the lives of HCAs who work these shifts, and the patients they care for. If you are a HCA who works these shifts and are interested in taking part contact imhevaluationteam@nottshc.nhs.uk.

Other training and resources

[Hazardous substances to work](#)

The TUC theme for this year's #IWMD 15 is removing hazardous substances at work, and to help mark the day UNISON is releasing its new guide titled "Hazardous substances to work". Copies, along with UNISON's other health & safety publications, are available through the [UNISON online catalogue](#).

[Sign up to the UNISON Organising space, Facebook and Twitter accounts.](#)

UNISON has creating a new online organising space for all its health and safety activists. Click here to find out more about this great opportunity to share what you are doing to keep workers safe. You can also keep up to date with all the latest UNISON health and safety news by signing up to UNISON's [facebook](#) and [twitter](#) accounts.

Dates for your diary

[NDC UNISON Health & Safety Fringe: 16 June: Cancer in the workplace](#)

Chance to listen to an expert speaker from Macmillan Cancer Support and discuss the impacts of living and working with cancer.

[Hazards 2015: Safety Reps: Reclaiming the Health and Safety Agenda Keele University 4th-6th September 2015](#)

Booking details for Hazards 2015.

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