

It is my job to try to summarise the immense agenda that has been set for us by our five powerful speakers. It is immense, but they have helped us to see clearly what we need to do and to struggle for. I can't possibly encompass the breadth and depth of what they have said, but am happy to tell you that their slides as well as a recording of this event will be posted on the Hazards Campaign website for you to return to.

So, some key points

To continue to build a movement toward safer and healthier work, green jobs and fair work agendas, just transition, environmental Justice (local and global) and improved public health we will need

Close collaboration, parallel and intertwined campaigns and action on climate change, environment and occupational safety and health, and we will need parallel and intertwined campaigns and action among workers and the communities they live in

To create cleaner circular economies, we will have to consider and act on the full life cycle of hazardous materials – from sourcing and transport of raw materials through production, use and waste disposal - and act to remove or reduce toxic substances (avoiding what Andy Watterson has called problem shifting and regrettable substitution). A crucial part of this must be transparent provision of and access to all information regarding each part of the lifecycle: a right to information.

As well as moving forward, we have also to work backwards and ensure the clean up of contaminated sites, and the relief of and compensation for those individuals, communities and environments whose health has already suffered.

Again, all of this will entail workplace, community, national and international surveillance, research and strong collaboration

None of that will happen without us continuing to build a strong voice for workers and communities;

As part of this, we all have to fight for stronger rights for workers, Tus and TU H&S reps in our own workplaces, in our countries and regions.

Internationally, OH&S must be designated an ILO Fundamental Right at Work. This has to go hand in hand with a greater push for the ratification

and implementation of other ILO conventions on, for example, chemicals and major industrial accidents. And, we need to work within our unions to make the actions of the green jobs task force a reality.

It is critical also to campaign for and build effective, well resourced OHS, environmental and PH agencies nationally and globally; and for strong, well resourced and effective enforcement agencies.

Toxics Use reduction strategies must be at the heart of this movement toward a greener and safer world. We should be campaigning for TUR to be adopted now in workplaces and in legislation as it works with practical, often tried and tested solutions in all workplaces and that are cost effective. Governments need to start by using the precautionary, upstream principle and then move to establish Toxics Use Reduction Institutes and Green chemistry units. Perhaps a good place for us to start!

If any of this is to transform lives and communities it must be built on just transition, as Alison said, 'a fast fair and deep transition' - decarbonizing jobs in a way that increases justice and equality. including being sex and gender sensitive and taking account of effects on sperm, eggs and the developing foetus But also working to change the present paradigm where the harms caused by work do not fall evenly across the workforce, but are concentrated on the poorest and most insecure; and on women, minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities and other discriminated against groups....