

# The 34<sup>th</sup> National Hazards Conference 2023

## Organising for Safe and Healthy Working Environments

Where prevention of mental and physical health harm is prioritised, where clean air is as important as clean water; where workers' health is as important as safety.



**1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023**

**In person at Keele University, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire**  
**And also online streamed conference with online workshops and fringe meetings**

Hazards Conference has always been one of the biggest conferences for trade union safety reps and activists. It consists of a mixture of plenary sessions, meetings, and a comprehensive workshop programme. Delegates have an opportunity to exchange experience and information with and learn from safety reps from other unions, sectors and jobs across the UK. It is a good craic too!

### How to apply for Hazards 2023

Complete the registration form online or on paper using the form on page 4.  
**The closing date for applications is Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**

**Cancellation:** If you have to cancel but can find someone else to take your place just let us know. If you can't find a substitute delegate: **cancel before 11th August 2023** and we will refund your fee less 10% for administration.

If you **cancel after 11th August 2023**, we will be unable to refund anything, as we will have had to pay for your accommodation and meals at Keele University – we will send you any materials and papers

**Checklist:**

1. Decide if you are attending **online or in person** – places are limited to 200 in person and 100 online
2. If attending in person select if this is **residential or non residential**
3. Select **two workshops** to attend (and please give a reserve choice for each) – these are being held on Saturday afternoon
4. Select **one fringe meeting** to attend on Saturday afternoon
5. Arrange your **delegate fee** to be paid – if you book via the online form, on receipt of your application an **invoice** will be sent to you for your fee. PLEASE DO NOT PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL VIA THE EVENTBRITE FORM (*please note: ignore all the wording about ‘donation’ and deduction of fees and calculation of taxes – we can’t change Eventbrite’s wording*).
6. Complete the **online registration form** at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hazards-conference-2023-tickets-579031919057>  
**OR if you are unable to do this online, complete the Delegate’s Registration Form on page 4, and email to [c.bedale@btinternet.com](mailto:c.bedale@btinternet.com) or post to Caroline Bedale, 123 Coppice Street, Oldham OL8 4BH.**  
 Keep a **copy of your information and options** on the Copy of the Delegate’s Registration Form on page 5.

7. To **pay:**  
 By **BACS**, please send your payment as follows:  
 A **BACS** payment has been made with the reference .....  
*[please use delegate’s surname – or one delegate’s surname if there is more than one delegate – and union branch name as reference]* to the **Hazards Conference** account at Unity Trust Bank:  
 Account Name: Hazards Conference  
 Sort Code: 60 83 01  
 Account Number: 20090430  
**OR** to pay by **cheque** send the cheque made out to ‘Hazards Conference’ to Caroline Bedale, 123 Coppice Street, Oldham OL8 4BH.

**Please either email or post the following information about payment to Caroline Bedale:**

Amount of BACS payment or cheque    £.....

Organisation: .....

Hazards 2023 Conference delegate’s name:  
 .....

Address, where receipt is to be sent:  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....Postcode.....

Tel: .....

E-mail:.....

**Please return this information by email to [c.bedale@btinternet.com](mailto:c.bedale@btinternet.com) or by mail to Caroline Bedale, 123 Coppice Street, Oldham OL8 4BH. If you are paying by cheque, please send cheque to this mail address.**

**Notification that we have received your registration:** we will acknowledge receipt of your application form within a few days of receiving it. If you don’t hear from us within 2 weeks of sending in your form, please contact us urgently to check that it has not got lost in the post. For **further information, clarification or queries**, please email **Janet Newsham** at [hazconf@gmhazards.org.uk](mailto:hazconf@gmhazards.org.uk) or phone: 07734 317158

## Registration

This year we have set up an **online registration form** which can be found at:  
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**A copy of the registration document is on page 5**, for you to record your information and options, whichever way you apply.

The Hazards Conference is a training and updating event supported by both your union and the TUC. Your employer has a duty to permit you to take paid time-off to attend such training events, so make sure you apply for that time-off so you don't miss the Friday evening meal and plenary.

## Delegate Fees

**Residential Fee: £320**

Residential delegates stay in good University accommodation on campus. The fee covers access to all conference events, campus facilities, refreshments and two nights accommodation with full board

**Non-residential fee and Online fee: £210**

Non-residential delegates have full access as residential delegates, except for overnight accommodation.

Online delegates have access to conference sessions through an online platform on the Saturday and access to workshops and fringe events. The cost of the online fee also covers the additional IT costs.

## Conference timings and registration

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	1.00-19.30	Delegate registration
	17.00 – 19.30	Evening meal
	20.00-21.00	<b>Opening Plenary: What is the reality of Safe and Healthy work becoming a fundamental right?</b>
	21.00	Networking
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	7.30-9.00	Registration for later arrivals/non-residential delegates
	7.00-8.45	Breakfast
	9.00-10.30	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: Westminster Theatre: How we can make clean air as important as clean water?</b>
	10.30-11.00	Break
	11.00 – 2.30	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: Westminster Theatre: The UK has an Occupational Health Crisis. How can it support workers with Long-Covid, Mental ill health and other occupational health conditions?</b>
	12.30 – 14.00	lunch
	14.00 – 15.30	<b>Workshop 1</b> – in person and online – see options
	15.30 – 16.00	Break
	16.00 – 17.30	<b>Workshop 2</b> – in person and online – see options
	17.45-18.45	<b>Fringe meetings</b> – in person and online – see options
	19.00-20.30	Dinner
	21.00-22.00	Quiz
	22.00 –	Networking
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	7.30-9.15	Breakfast Clear rooms – bring cases to secure room in registration area
	10.00-12.00	<b>Closing plenary: Organising priorities for safe and healthy work in all sectors.</b>
	12.30-13.30	Packed Lunch – eat with us or take away and depart

*All plenary sessions are in-person or online*

## **Delegate's Registration Form to email or post**

<b>1. Are you attending online or in person?</b>
<b>2. If in person are you residential or non-residential?</b>
<b>3. Name</b>
<b>4. Address</b>
<b>5. Telephone – daytime</b>
<b>6. Telephone – evening</b>
<b>7. Email</b>
<b>8. Trade Union</b>
<b>9. Branch</b>
<b>10. Employer/organisation</b>
<b>11. Food choices – vegan, vegetarian, other dietary needs and allergies</b>
<b>12. Access and other needs</b>
<b>13. If you have mobility needs please tell us how we can make the conference more accessible</b>
<b>14. Workshop 1 Choice number and title - See below</b>
<b>15. Workshop 1 Reserve Choice number and title - See below</b>
<b>16. Workshop 2 Choice number and title - See below</b>
<b>17. Workshop 2 Reserve Choice number and title</b>
<b>18. Fringe meeting choice number and title - See below</b>

## **Delegate's copy of the Registration Form to keep**

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**Workshop information:**

Please note - If you are **online** you can only register for the **online** workshops and fringe meetings

### **In Person: Choose One Saturday afternoon Workshop 1:**

(Please note: if you are attending **online** then you will only be able to choose one from the **online** workshops

Workshop Number	Workshop Name	Time run	Online or in person	First Choice	Reserve
1	Safety Reps Functions and Workplace Inspections	2.00 – 3.30pm	In person		
2	Mental health awareness	2.00 – 3.30pm	In person		
3	Resources and creative action for safety reps	2.00 – 3.30pm	In person		
4	Supporting health and safety reps and building up the safety organisation	2.00 – 3.30pm	In person		
5	Employers duties, Risk Assessment and hierarchy of controls	2.00 – 3.30pm	In person		
6	Violence faced by workers	2.00 – 3.30pm	In person		
7	Sex and gender sensitive health and safety	2.00 – 3.30pm	In person		
8	Using public procurement to influence safety	2.00 – 3.30pm	In person		
9	Environmental and Green reps	2.00 – 3.30pm	In person		

### **In Person: Choose One Saturday Afternoon Workshop 2:**

(Please note: if you are attending **online** then you will only be able to choose one from the **online** workshops

Workshop Number	Workshop Name	Time run	Online or in person	First Choice	Reserve
1	Safety Reps Functions and Workplace Inspections	4.00-5.30	In person		
2	Mental health awareness	4.00-5.30	In person		
3	Resources and creative action for safety reps	4.00-5.30	In person		
4	Supporting health and safety reps and building up the safety organisation	4.00-5.30	In person		

5	Employers' duties, Risk Assessment and hierarchy of controls	4.00-5.30	In person		
6	Violence faced by workers	4.00-5.30	In person		
7	Sex and gender sensitive health and safety	4.00-5.30	In person		
8	Using public procurement to influence safety	4.00-5.30	In person		
9	Environmental and Green reps	4.00-5.30	In person		

### Online: Choose One Saturday afternoon Workshop 1:

(Please note: if you are attending **online** then you will only be able to choose one from the **online workshops**)

Workshop Number	Workshop Name	Time run	Online or in person	First Choice	Reserve
A	Safety Reps Functions and Workplace Inspections	2.00 – 3.30	online		
B	Mental health awareness	2.00 – 3.30	online		
C	Sex and gender sensitive health and safety	2.00 – 3.30	online		
D	Improving ventilation and Air quality at Work	2.00 – 3.30	online		

### Online: Choose One Saturday afternoon Workshop 2:

(Please note: if you are attending **online** then you will only be able to choose one from the **online workshops**)

Workshop Number	Workshop Name	Time run	Online or in person	First Choice	Reserve
A	Safety Reps Functions and Workplace Inspections	4.00-5.30pm	online		
B	Mental health awareness	4.00-5.30pm	online		
C	Sex and gender sensitive health and safety	4.00-5.30pm	online		
D	Improving ventilation and Air quality at Work	4.00-5.30pm	online		

**Fringe Meetings – 17.45 – 18.45 Saturday**

## Choose one in person Fringe Meeting from below:

Please note: if you are attending **online** then you will only be able to join an **online fringe meeting**

Number	Fringe Meeting	Where
1	Campaign to remove asbestos from the workplace	In person
2	What can we do about extreme temperatures while we work	In person
3	Get me home safely – in hospitality, health and social care and other sectors	In person

## Or Choose one online Fringe Meeting from below:

Please note: if you are attending **online** then you will only be able to join an **online fringe meeting**

Number	Fringe Meeting	Where
1	How can we support workers with Long Covid	online
2.	Campaign to remove asbestos from the workplace	online

## Further Information / Questions

If you have a question or concern, or need more information or clarification, please email or call me

Best wishes

**Janet Newsham**

On behalf of the Hazards 2023 Conference organising committee [janet@gmhazards.org.uk](mailto:janet@gmhazards.org.uk)  
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