

Hazard Conference: Keele University, 5-7 September 2025 (update No. 2)

16th July 2025: With the 36th National Hazards Conference only a few weeks away here's the next update for delegates and those yet to book.

The conference is both in-person and online with residential accommodation/ meals also included as an option for delegates. The conference fees have been kept at 2024 prices and we run the event at cost price based on numbers attending and helped by sponsorship. Please share with your branch or colleagues who may be interested in attending.

To book the in-person options [CLICK HERE](#)

To book the online only option [CLICK HERE](#)

Those booking the residential option will enjoy a range of food and beverages to suit all tastes and diets. Please make sure you indicate on the booking form if you have any dietary requirements that we might not have thought of already. Keele University has years of experience in offering quality self-service meals/ breakfast with hot and cold buffet options available. There's a steady flow of bookings so make sure you reserve your space ASAP and we'll follow up with an invoice to you or your branch.

Speakers

We are excited to announce more speakers to the conference in addition to those facilitating the twenty workshops, fringe meetings and exhibitor stalls. Expert speakers will cover a range of topics from AI to asbestos and from enforcing the law to violence at work. Keynote speakers will share their experience and allow the opportunity for questions/ comments at the end. Confirmed speakers so far are from Irwin Mitchell, the NEU, Unite, Leigh Day, The Workers Policy Project, NASUWT, Greater Manchester Asbestos Victims Support Group, Thompsons solicitors, RCN and BFAWU with more to be announced in the next update.

Certificate of Excellence – Notable Safety Campaigns: [Nominations Now Open](#)

Despite the challenges facing many workplaces and health and safety in general, there are many shining examples of effective worker safety campaigns and good practice led by organisations or groups. Each year at conference we award certificates of excellence to celebrate campaigning work on health, safety and climate work.

Do you have a campaign or organisation/ group in mind? We'd like to hear from you. Nominations are now open until 5pm on 22nd August 2025. Personal or contact information will not be shared and are in line with the Greater Manchester Hazards Centre [Privacy Policy](#). You may be contacted by one of the team if more information is required.

The 2024 Winners

GMB reps at Asda for health and safety campaigning,
Barry West from **RMT** for his work on bus fires
Hazards Magazine for their work on work-related suicides

GKN factory Collective Florence, Italy
BFAWU for their campaigning work on sexual harassment reporting
Heatstrike for their campaigning work on maximum temperatures at work
Matthew Sutton from **ASLEF** on his health and safety driver engagement campaign
NEU for their Ofsted risk assessment work
RCM for their Entonox campaign
UNISON Barnet Council safe staff numbers campaign
UNITE in Schools on health and safety and trade union organising in schools
Lifetime commitment to the Hazards Movement went to **Phillip Lewis** of **UNISON**

Bad Boss Award 2025: [Nominations Now Open](#)

Returning this year is the infamous '*Bad Boss Award*'. This is an opportunity to name and shame employers who put workers safety at risk. Cost-cutting, poor staff training, inadequate consultation, lack of enforcement are some of the reasons reps and workers have highlighted in previous years. Between 5-6 September conference delegates will choose from the shortlist which employer comes out on top (or bottom in worker safety terms). The announcement will be made on the 7th of September at conference. You can now nominate who you'd like to see take this award.

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Last year's Bad Boss Award: **Barnet Council** closely followed by runners up, **Asda** and **Amazon**

Sponsorship

As the conference is run at cost price, Hazards is always keen to get sponsorship backing. Sponsorship helps us keep the prices down each year, brings reps together from various unions and backgrounds, promotes the work of progressive safety campaigners and gets your logo/ message around the conference and in the conference packs. To sponsor this year Hazards Conference [click here](#). Huge thanks to those who have already committed to sponsoring the event this year, it all helps to empower reps and activists.

What is 'Code Red'?

From taxi drivers to teachers, nurses to artists and engineers to first responders, artificial intelligence (AI) and how it is impacting workers was one of the themes of International Workers Memorial Day this year. AI and related technology features in this year's Hazards conference. If workers are locked out of having a meaningful say on this enormous change in the workplace then we're calling it 'Code Red'. Look out for the Code Red posters and the opening plenary session at conference. Posters also available from the [Hazards Shop](#) (A4/A3 size only).

In the next conference update: Parking at Keele University, Who's speaking on AI?, getting to and from the Keele campus, conference creature comforts and conference WhatsApp group.