

# HAZARDS CAMPAIGN

## Hazards Conference *Update*: Keele University, 5-7 September 2025 (*update No. 3*)

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**1 August 2025:** Welcome to August, which means the Hazards Conference is next month! Our small team are working frantically taking bookings and enquiries, sorting out workshop allocations, preparing materials and briefing delegates/speakers about the details. There's a real buzz about conference already with a steady stream of bookings, so if you haven't yet booked you can still book or share with your networks [HERE](#).

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**Who's speaking on, 'Can AI ever be good for our health?'**

This year we've got another stellar cast of speakers ready to impart their

knowledge, share ideas and inspire delegates to get outcomes back in the workplace. All of our speakers or chairpersons are strongly connected to worker safety campaigns in a trade union, legal or academic context either domestically or internationally.

5th Sept. Friday 8pm ***'Can AI ever be good for our health?'***

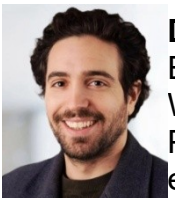
The big question of our time; the main plenary session for Friday evening will aim to explore and understand worker safety in relation to the rapid growth in technology, mainly artificial intelligence (AI). Are there opportunities here or is it **(CODE RED)** for worker safety?



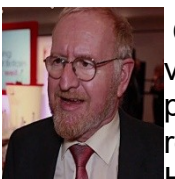
**Dr Philippa Collins** (Bristol University) whose expertise lies at the intersection of labour law and human rights. Her research examines how rights are enforced and conceptualised, as well as the implications of workplace technology for our human rights.



**Chenay Arberry** (Senior Health and Safety Specialist at the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations AFL-CIO). Chenay will Zoom in from the United States and share her knowledge of AI, campaigning and the challenges for AFL-CIO in today's United States.



**Dr Joe Atkinson** (University of Southampton) is a Lecturer in Employment Law and Co-Director of the Stefan Cross Centre for Women, Equality and Law. He is also Coordinator of the Law and Psychology Programme. Joe's area of expertise and research is employment and labour law, with a particular focus on the intersection of employment law and human rights. Current projects include work on human rights and employment status, and the regulation of algorithmic management technologies in the workplace.



**CHAIR: Doug Russell** the session will be expertly chaired by veteran health and safety campaigner Doug Russell who has previously led health and safety at USDAW for many years. Now retired Doug is still very active in the union movement, at the Hazards campaign and keeping worker safety in the spotlight.

With one more speaker yet to be confirmed, it will be a fascinating discussion and will keep safety reps in the loop on the fast-changing complex topic. Find out who's speaking on *'Dealing with violence and stress at work'* in the next update.

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## Where have all the bad bosses gone?

Last week the infamous Bad Boss nominations opened. Our safety activists must be doing a sterling job because to date there's been only two nominations. Last week we reminded you of last year's winner, Barnet Council closely followed by Asda and Amazon. By contrast we've had a few Good Campaign nominations coming in, thank you! **[It's not too late to nominate](#)** - both will remain open until 22 August.

Nominations close at 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.



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## Conference Car Parking

Parking at Keele University campus is strictly monitored by university security.



To see the campus map **[click here](#)** and make sure you park in the designated areas for conference parking and accommodation. If driving to Keele, and once you have booked your place at conference you can enter your registration. For parking and directions **[click here](#)**

## Stoke-On-Trent train station to Keele (and back again)

The nearest railway stations to Keele are: Stoke-on-Trent (5miles/8km) and Crewe (12 miles/19km).

**Buses from Stoke** train station: The number 3 bus leaves for Keele from a bus stop opposite Stoke station every 10-15 minutes during the day and less frequently in the evenings. The journey takes approximately 30 minutes.

**Taxis from Stoke** train station: You can get a taxi from outside the station directly to the University for around £10 and the journey should take 15 -20 minutes.

For all modes of transport see: **[How To Find Us](#)**

## Getting back to Stoke train station after conference

After the conference (Sunday 7th Sept) there will be an organised bus to take delegates to Stoke train station. Speak to us at conference if this is something you are interested in. Announcements will be made over the weekend about the bus and the departure time.

### Conference WhatsApp Group



At the Hazards Conferences in 2023 and 2024 dozens of delegates joined the WhatsApp group, '*Hazards Conference & Events*' where we have a '*Hazards Conference 2025*' group. This is a great way to keep in touch with people before during and after conference with some also using it to car/ taxi share from the train station. Get in touch with Janet or me at [mail@gmhazards.org.uk](mailto:mail@gmhazards.org.uk) to join the group.

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### Creature comforts at Conference



**Quick Question:** To help new conference delegates feel at home, tell us what creature comforts or essentials you like to bring to conference and why? Send to [William@gmhazards.org.uk](mailto:William@gmhazards.org.uk) and we'll anonymously share your ideas in the next update.

**Next update No. 4:** *Who's speaking on 'Dealing with violence and stress at work'?, a preview of the collectable conference badge for 2025, feedback on essentials/ creature comforts at conference, quiz time, how the bad employer/good campaign nominations are going and what are the exhibitor stalls?*

**[See previous conference updates here](#)**

Questions or queries answered by humans at [mail@gmhazards.org.uk](mailto:mail@gmhazards.org.uk) or call **0161 884 4229**. Any paper booking forms can be downloaded from the links above and send to: Greater Manchester Hazards Centre, Unit 2, The Wesley Centre, Royce Rd Manchester M15 5BP.

Look forward to seeing you at Keele!

The Hazards Team