

Remember the Dead. Fight for the Living.

International Workers Memorial Day - 28th April

What is IWMD?

Every year on 28th April, all over the world trade unions, workers and families mark International Workers Memorial Day (IWMD). This event is necessary because globally work is still injuring, killing and making millions of people ill. The pandemic, climate change, inequality and technological risks have added to this in recent years. In Britain the health of over 50,000 workers is seriously affected every year - that's a staggering 140 workers a day! Trade unions and their reps are on the frontline in trying to prevent harm to workers.

The *Hazards Campaign* brought Workers Memorial Day to the UK in 1990s with two aims: **'Remember the Dead'** and to **'Fight for the Living'**. The Hazards Campaign has marked this important day every year since then.

How to get involved in IWMD

- Hold a minutes silence at 12.00 noon to remember those who have died because of work
- In the week of 28th April plan an online/ workplace event
- Read the names of people from your sector, industry or region, who have died in the last year because of work
- Use the Hazards Campaign *'Whole Story'* numbers to talk about the true number of people who have died over the last 12 months because of work
- If you know anyone who has been killed because of work put their name on the *Workers Memorial Wall*
- Attend an event and wear a purple ribbon



IWMD Resources

gmhazards.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/The-Whole-Story-2025-FINAL.pdf

www.tuc.org.uk/workers-memorial-wall

gmhazards.org.uk/index.php/fack/iwmd/

www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/fatals-overview.htm

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www.tuc.org.uk/IWMD/international-workers-memorial-day-events

