


Workers' Memorial Day

28 April 2009



One minute to remember One minute to renew our demands

At noon on International Workers Memorial Day (28 April), UNISON will hold a minute's silence when we will remember all those workers killed, injured or made ill by their work. And we're asking UNISON staff, branches, members, and others to join in and observe the minute of silence with us.



UNISON
the public service union

Workers' Memorial Day

28 April 2009

One minute to remember One minute to renew our demands

Too much loss

Work “accidents” cause up to 1,600 deaths every year. These deaths include work-related suicide, road accidents while driving for work and any member of the public killed as a result of a workplace accident.

When you add in as many as 50,000 deaths from work-related illnesses – including cancers, respiratory illnesses, and heart disease – these numbers are way too high. This loss is even more tragic because 70% of workplace “accidents” could be avoided if health and safety was managed properly.

A culture change

Society no-longer finds drink-driving or domestic violence acceptable. UNISON is working to ensure that work-related ill-health, injury and death aren't just a tragic but accepted part of the world of work – because behind every statistic there is a tragedy affecting the victims, their families, friends and colleagues.

Background to International Workers Memorial Day (IWMD)

IWMD takes place across the world on 28 April each year, a day that many choose to wear a purple ribbon to remember the dead and renew our demand for safe and healthy work to protect those still working – now and into the future.

UNISON is campaigning for IWMD to be formally recognised as a national day of remembrance. For more information, go to: www.unison.org.uk/safety/campaigns.asp

Wear the purple ribbon, observe the minute's silence, raise awareness and support our campaign.

To find out about events locally contact:

