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Health and Safety Bulletin

National Hazards Conference 2011

July 2010 saw another successful National Hazards Conference with 43% of delegates (168 reps) from UNISON. They attended a number of plenaries, campaign and information meetings, and workshops.

Hazards Conference is the UK's best and largest general safety reps conference. This year it takes place at the University of Keele, near Stoke-on-Trent, on the 2 - 4 September. The overarching focus will be on improving workplace health and safety via the Hazards Charter, and in light of the cuts in enforcement, will consider the need for better workplace organisation. There's a choice of 22 workshops, 3 keynote meetings, plus plenaries and more. Further details and an application are attached. This may be copied and distributed to branch safety reps and can also be downloaded from the web at: www.gmhazards.org.uk. Make sure you and your safety reps don't miss out!

UNISON supports the Conference; organising an informal meeting for UNISON delegates, with UNISON staff and lay members facilitating workshops, and by providing resources and staff for a UNISON exhibition stall. For more information on the Hazards Campaign and Charter go to: www.hazardscampaign.org.uk.

National Work-Stress Conference

Another great conference and also popular with UNISON safety reps, is the Annual Stress Network Conference. Headed this year, "From Recession to Depression?" it takes from 26 – 27 November at Hillscourt Conference Centre, Rednal, near Birmingham. The programme will include a panel of speakers followed by a question and answer session, and the opportunity to take part in two workshops. Further details and an application form are attached. This may be copied and distributed to branch safety reps and can also be downloaded from this webpage: www.workstress.net.