



Please join us for

COMMEMORATION, WREATH LAYING AND READING

1 pm, outside Halifax Central Library

Every year more people are killed at work than in wars. Come and pay your respects to those that have given their lives or been injured in their workplace.

Remember the dead, fight for the living

Everyone welcome

WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY FILMS: Complicit + 2 short films, Sunday 28 April, 1.30pm at Square Chapel Arts Centre, £5. More info: <https://mayday.calderdaletuc.org.uk>

Every year more people are killed at work than in wars. Most don't die of mystery ailments, or in tragic "accidents". They die because an employer decided their safety wasn't an important enough priority. Workers' Memorial Day #IWMD19 commemorates these workers as well as those who have been injured at or made ill due to their work.

Workers' Memorial Day is held on 28 April every year. All over the world workers and their representatives conduct events, demonstrations, vigils and a host of other activities to mark the day. The day is also intended to serve as a rallying cry to "**remember the dead, fight for the living**".

In 2019 the theme for the day is "**dangerous substances – get them out of the workplace**". Workplace hazards include carcinogens and many substances that can cause illnesses such as asthma or dermatitis. Asbestos, diesel exhaust, and sometimes cleaning fluids and dust in general pose dangers to workers.

As work has changed and for many become physically safer, stress and job insecurity have increased illness and mental health issues. Besides tackling stress in the workplace, the TUC has this year produced a guide on Work and Suicide, addressing the issues which lead to workers considering taking their own lives.

Through its Trade Union Act, the Government wants to prevent unions from protecting the health and safety of their members. The Act will restrict the right of representatives to take time off to keep their workplace safer. The act also impedes workers' right to strike when things go wrong.