



Please join us for

## HALIFAX COMMEMORATION, WREATH LAYING AND READING

1 pm, outside Northgate House

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

***Remember the dead, fight for the living***

**Everyone welcome**

**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 (WMD) commemorates these workers.**

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 2016 the theme for the day is "**Strong Laws - Strong enforcement - Strong Unions**". Across the world there have been growing attacks on health and safety protection, including in Britain where the Government has removed protection from millions of self-employed workers. Meanwhile across Europe, the European Commission is pursuing a dangerous de-regulation strategy.

Strong laws are not enough unless they are enforced. That is why **proper inspections and enforcement action** against those who break Health and Safety laws are needed. In the UK the number of inspections has fallen dramatically over the past five years. In many other countries enforcement has always been non-existent.

**Unionised workplaces are safer**, yet through its Trade Union Bill, the Government wants to prevent unions from protecting the health and safety of their members. The bill would restrict the right of representatives to take time off to keep their workplace safer. The bill would also reduce workers' right to strike when things go wrong.