



**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 #IWMD17 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 2017 the theme for the day is **Good health and safety for all workers whoever they are**. Across the world there have been growing attacks on health and safety protection. These particularly affect migrant workers and workers in the hidden and GIG economies. The impacts of gender (social) and sex (biological) differences on men's and women's occupational health and safety need to be addressed as part of reducing inequality in the workplace.

**Unionised workplaces are safer**, yet 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.