



WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

SATURDAY 28 APRIL 2018

Please join us for

COMMEMORATION AND UNVEILING OF PERMANENT MEMORIAL BY CLLR JANE SCULLION, DEPUTY MAYOR OF CALDERDALE

12.30 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 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 #IWMD18 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 2018 the theme for the day is **Unionised workplaces are safer workplaces** and will focus the huge difference that unions make in preventing deaths in the workplace. We will also be celebrating 40 years of union health and safety representatives.

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.