

Calling all GMB health and safety representatives!

GMB Health and Safety Representatives Event

Workers Memorial Day Thursday April 28th 2015

Regional Office Halesowen

Health and Safety – use your rights or lose them!

Dear Colleague,

I'm writing to all GMB Workplace Health and Safety Representatives to thank you for all the work you do to secure a safe and healthy working environment for our members.

The GMB greatly values your contribution to improving standards, protecting your workmates and preventing injury and ill health at work.

In recognition of this we are inviting all GMB safety reps to attend a special training event on Workers Memorial Day April 28th 2015.

The theme of the event is

Health and Safety: Use your rights or lose them

We will be:

- Updating all GMB safety representatives on recent developments in health and safety law and enforcement, including mooted changes to the working time directive which could see attacks on breaks, daily rest and payment for 'on call' work.
- Sharing your experiences and best practice from across the region and hearing from workplace health and safety reps who've used their rights to help them organise for safer and healthier workplaces.
- Looking at how best to protect safety rep's legal rights. Especially our powers as safety reps to inspect the workplace, investigate accidents, receive information, be consulted on changes to the workplace, and to participate in safety committees under the Brown Book (Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977).
- Looking at how European law underpins the framework of health and safety protection for workers in the UK.

- Holding a memorial event remembering workers who have lost their lives because of cost cutting employers.

The event is part of an ongoing campaign by the GMB to strengthen workplace organisation around Health and Safety.

If you have any questions or queries about this event, the campaign or would like help with a workplace health and safety issue or an inspection then don't hesitate to get in contact.

Remember the dead – fight for the living!

Yours in Solidarity

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