

## What's Workers Memorial Day?

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 just wasn't that important a priority.

Workers' Memorial Day takes place every April 28th - as an international day of remembrance and action for workers killed, disabled, injured or made unwell by their work.

The slogan for the day is:

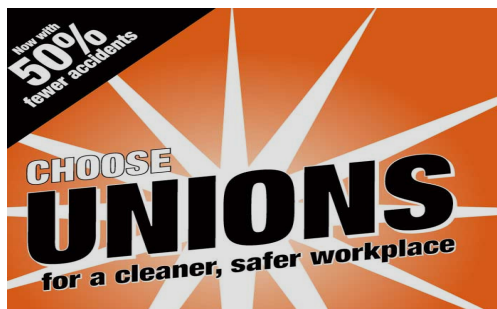
***"Remember the Dead,  
Fight for the Living"***

The trade union movement "*remembers the dead*", by organising memorial events all over Britain. It is supported by both the TUC and the government's Health & Safety Commission. Wolverhampton, Bilston & District Trades Union Council and the Black Country Urban Industrial Mission have held events for 18 years.

We must also "*fight for the living*" by ensuring that such tragedies are not repeated:

- highlight the preventable nature of most workplace accidents and ill health.
- promote campaigns and union organisation in the fight for improvements in workplace safety.

*It is a FACT that you are less likely to get injured or killed in a workplace covered by one of Britain's 200,000 trade union H&S reps.*



In Britain last year, 229 workers were killed in their workplace; 18 were from the West Midlands. Shoes representing the dead will be laid out at our event.

2,056 people died from mesothelioma (cancer due to asbestos), thousands more from occupational cancers and lung diseases, or while commuting.

## Asbestos Support West Midlands

Help people suffering from asbestos related diseases and campaigns to end the asbestos trade. ☎0121 678 8853

[www.asbestosupportwm.org](http://www.asbestosupportwm.org)

Wolverhampton, Bilston & District  
Trades Union Council

& the Black Country Urban Industrial Mission

*invite you to mark:*

Wolverhampton's 18<sup>th</sup> annual International

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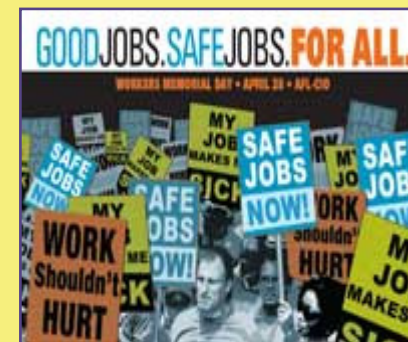
## TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009

**12.30pm** at the Workers' Memorial Day Tree,  
next to the Cenotaph, St. Peter's Square  
outside Civic Centre/St Peter's church Wolverhampton WV1 1TS

- ⇒ Doug Jewell, *Asbestos Support West Midlands*
- ⇒ trade union speakers
- ⇒ wreath laying ceremony
- ⇒ Industrial Chaplain,  
Rev. Ruth Reynolds-Tyson

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~ all are welcome ~



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