

Healthy and Safe Workplaces - Your Right Our Priority

Congress Conference on the eve of International Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job.

10:00am – 1:00pm on the 27th April, 2009

GRESHAM HOTEL, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

10:00 Registration and Coffee

Chairman: Eamon Devoy, General Secretary Designate of the TEEU and Vice Chair of the Health and Safety Authority. He is also a member of the Congress Executive and Chair of the Congress Health and Safety Committee.

10:30 Opening of Event

David Begg, General Secretary of the Irish Congress Trade Unions will jointly open the event with **Martin O'Halloran**, Chief Executive of Health and Safety Authority.

Key Speakers

Reported workplace fatalities: how complete is the picture?"

Dr Martin Hogan is a Medical doctor specialising in Occupational Medicine. He lectures in Occupational Medicine in University College Cork. He is a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and an Associate by examination of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of London. He is the National Specialty Director for Occupational Medicine in Ireland. He is a specialist trainer for the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland where he is now the Vice-Dean of Faculty.

Does the law deal adequately with organisations which act in a grossly negligent manner and cause death?

Raymond Byrne, Director of Research at the Law Reform Commission, Expert health and safety lawyer will speak about Corporate Killing Report published by Law Reform Commission in 2005

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Esther Lynch Legislation and Social Affairs Officer with special responsibility for Health and Safety will outline Congress Campaign Priorities for Safety, Health and Welfare at Work.

Workers' Memorial Day on the 28th April is the day when the international labour movement remembers those who have been killed or injured in workplace accidents and those who have died from occupational diseases.

This Congress event provides a focus for two Congress' Health and Safety Campaign priorities namely (i) stronger criminal and civil penalties for companies that put workers in serious danger and repeatedly break job safety laws and (ii) the proper recognition and counting of all work related deaths and illness.

