

## Scottish Hazards Campaign



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## Who are we?

The Scottish Hazards Campaign Group is open to any person / organization who identifies with our aims.

It includes trade union branches, trade union H&S reps and officials, occupational health and safety professionals and specific campaigns, eg RSI, Asbestos, FACK

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## The Aims of the Group:

To campaign for improved worker health and safety throughout Scotland;

To be an active part of the UK Hazards Campaign and the European Work Hazards Network, and to campaign for the demands contained in the European Health and Safety Charter

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## How we do it?

- Networking to share information and skills
- Training and seminars
- Workplace health information and advice
- Campaigning and Lobbying

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## Networking/ Training

- 3 meetings a year (Feb/May 30th/August)
- 2 x half day seminars (Sickness/disability)
- 1 Day conference 12/11/09
- Attend/participate in events throughout the year

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## Working with others

- Network of MPs and MSPs
- Members of I.O.S.H and P.H.A.S.S
- Collaborate with Unions and STUC
- Respond to Govt consultations /Select committees

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## Campaign - Why ?

### Government's in UK:

- Business friendly;
- Champion deregulation, light touch Regulation;
- Campaigned against risk aversion & for risk embracing;
- Boasted of UK economy/labour market being least regulated, most flexible;
- Resisted new rights for workers and especially for safety reps – **Lip service paid to your importance**

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## Campaign - Why ?

### Up to 50,000 killed by work related illness includes :

- 18,000 by work-related cancer at 12%
- At least 5,000 due to asbestos cancers
- Heart Disease – 20% of deaths work related due to stress, long hours, shift work = up to 20,000
- Respiratory Illness -15-20% of obstructive lung disease = about 6,000
- About 1,000 in work-related road traffic incidents

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## Campaign Issues

- Safety Reps rights and employers duties –use Hazards Charter/TUC Charter for Safety Reps
- **Converting lip service to action**
- Directors Duties NOW!
- Enforcement – More inspectors, more proactive inspections and notices
- Publicise the **real** toll of work on our health
- Resist Deregulation and further attacks on workers
- Reject the 'All work is good for you' and demand 'Good Jobs for all that don't cost us the earth' with good Life/Work balance

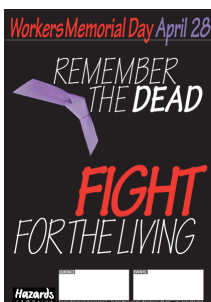
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## Scottish Hazards Centre

"Our long term proposal is to establish a Centre which would provide advice, information and support services aimed mainly at workers, who do not have access to OH&S expertise and are not in a position to benefit from the services provided by the current system"

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## Workers Memorial Day 28th April every year



WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY 28TH APRIL. Remember the Dead-Fight for the living  
**Union workplaces are safer workplaces!**



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- [www.hazards.org](http://www.hazards.org)
- [www.hazardscampaign.org.uk](http://www.hazardscampaign.org.uk)

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