

# Irish Congress of Trade Unions

## International Workers Memorial Day

### 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Each year on the 28<sup>th</sup> April, **Workers Memorial Day**, working people throughout the world remember those who were hurt or killed at work and we renew our struggle for safe workplaces. On this day, unions rededicate ourselves to ending injustice in the workplace and to fighting for stronger job safety laws and protections for all workers.

The Irish Congress of Trade Unions will mark Workers Memorial Day 2011 with an event in the Labour History Museum in Beggars Bush, Haddington Road, Dublin 2 and we are asking all unions to send representatives in memory of their union members who have lost their lives because of work related injuries or illness. This year we have a special focus on work-related suicide and we highlight the responsibility of employers to have safe systems of work and to conduct risk assessments including for work-related stress.

### Memorial Day Programme

**10.30: Tea & Coffee : viewing of exhibition: UNIONS MAKE WORKPLACES SAFER**

**11.00: Workers Memorial Day Dedication:** Jack O'Connor President, ICTU

**11.10: Work-related suicide is there sufficient acknowledgment or guidance?**

Ciaran Austin , Console, manager of the 1Life service  
Breffni McGuinness, Bereavement expert and author

**12.00: Observation of 2 minutes silence**

Reflections on the meaning of Workers Memorial Day  
Contributions from religious and community leaders

**13:00: Statement of trade union commitment to improving safety and health in every workplace in Ireland** - Eamon Devoy, General Secretary, TEEU and Chair of Congress Health and Safety Committee.

**Mark International Workers Memorial Day**

Wear the purple forget-me-knot  
Observe 2 minutes silence at midday  
Attend Workers Memorial Day Event

**confirm your attendance to [esther.lynch@ictu.ie](mailto:esther.lynch@ictu.ie)**