



Waltham Forest Trade Unions Council
invites you to a joint commemoration of
Workers' Memorial Day and celebration of May Day

May Day 2019

- ★ This year we are campaigning for
- ★ Getting dangerous substances out of the workplace
- ★ Genuinely affordable housing
- ★ A living wage of £10.55 per hour
- ★ Action against climate change

Sunday 28 April

Abbot's Park,
9 Abbots Park Rd, London E10 6HT
(near Leyton Midland Overground station)

1.15 – 1.45pm
**Workers' Memorial Day
commemoration**

2.00 – 5.00pm
May Day celebration

Featuring:

- ★ Music, singers, rap poetry and dance
- ★ Speakers from the labour and trade union movement & local campaigns
- ★ Family friendly – with children's activities
- ★ Food and drink
- ★ Stalls

May Day is International Workers' Day – when we come together in our trade unions and campaigning organisations to celebrate our struggle for a decent standard of living, secure and affordable accommodation and a safe environment both at work and where we live.

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Workers Memorial Day

Workers Memorial Day (WMD)

is commemorated around the world on 28 April each year. The Hazards Campaign (see <http://www.hazardscampaign.org.uk/>) estimates that around 1,500 people are killed in work-related incidents and a further 50,000 people die of work-related illnesses each year. Waltham Forest Trades Union Council commemorates WMD every year. It helps raise the importance of health & safety at work – particularly when the current government is actively undermining the role played by unions.

The need for improved and better enforced safety regulations at work has been highlighted by a number of workplace deaths in Waltham Forest in the recent past. Amongst others we remember:

- ✚ **Marian Nemit** (21), killed working on a shop refit in April 2015 at the Bakers Arms.
- ✚ **Lukasz Costazzo** was killed by a falling tree in June 2015 in the Low Hall Conservation area.
- ✚ **Andrezej Rokita** (55), was killed by falling materials at M&M Contracting in Midland Rd, E10.

This year, the theme for WMD is "getting dangerous substances out of the workplace". This includes carcinogens – such as asbestos – in schools and other public buildings. Other substances can also cause illnesses such as asthma or dermatitis. Equally, diesel fumes and air pollution affects both outdoor and indoor workers – as well as the general public.

Unions have led campaigns to tackle these and other issues. Our action led, for example, to the Health and Safety at Work Act in 1974 becoming law. Everyone should come home from work safe and well. But there are still too many workplaces that kill, injure and cause workers to become very ill – from work-related cancers, overwork and stress.

You can find out more about your rights – including advice and guidance on how to deal with dangerous substances at work – from the TUC website www.tuc.org.uk/workers-memorial-day-0

Our motto is Remember the Dead and Fight for the Living. We will commemorate the Workers' Memorial Day and the memory of those who died at work in Waltham Forest by holding a minute's silence. In addition, there will be short speeches from **John Cryer MP** (Leyton & Wanstead), **Phil Lewis** (London Hazards Centre Asbestos Support Awareness Group), **Annabelle Stanford** (WF UNISON), **Steve White** (WF NEU) and **Tommy Anderson** (President, WF Trade Union Council).

Full details of what's planned can be found on our Facebook page – here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/591126998029731/>

