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Workers Memorial Day

Remember the Dead - Fight for the living

The Forum is busily helping to organise a public meeting to take place on Workers Memorial Day (WMD). The public meeting is to focus on asbestos and is to take place in the French room of the Midland Hotel 7pm - 9pm on Thursday 28th of April 2005.

The recently formed Health and Safety representatives network group is promoting this event. The theme for Bradford's WMD is Asbestos, as the network felt this was a very important issue in Bradford at the moment in light of the recent asbestos related deaths.

Speaking at the event will be mesothelioma nurse, Mavis Robinson MBE, Tony Whitson from the Northern Asbestos Groups, and Satpal Singh, an asbestos specialist solicitor and Mick Gledhill from the Communication Workers Union.

The day has two aims -to remember the dead - those killed at work - and to fight for the living, by campaigning for better health and safety at work. Purple 'forget-me-knot' ribbons will be available at the meeting, for a small donation, which will be going to the families

of people affected by asbestos. One minutes silence will be taken at the meeting.

Mick Gledhill, member of the Forum and the H&S reps network has put together an account of the history of WMD. Mick says that WMD is a truly international day of commemoration spanning the industrial world. It started in Canada when the Canadian Labour Congress declared an annual day of remembrance on April 28th, 1984. This quickly spread to the USA and Australia and has been recognized in the UK since Hazards campaigner, Tommy Harte, brought WMD to Britain in 1992.

Is your workplace 'fit' for everyone?



**Free seminar to be held on Tuesday 5th April 10am-
12noon at the Carlisle Business Centre**

Registration and Coffee from 9.30am

Practical risk assessments for special workers:

Risk assessments for disabled workers -
Dave Smith, Disability Services Manger, Work-Able

Risk assessments for pregnant workers -
Dave Miller, Pay and Employment Rights Service

Risk assessments for young workers -
Brian Marsden, Safety Management Services

**To book a place please complete a booking form, if you do not have one please contact
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Editors chat

The Forum has had quite a busy time over the past month or so. It was a great surprise to find out that the Forum had won the Alan Butler award. Then to visit the House of Commons, only weeks after visiting the House of Lords, to lobby MPs was very exciting.

I apologise for this newsletter coming so quickly after the last one, but as was necessary to do a mailout for the upcoming Seminar and for the Workers Memorial Day event it made sense to incorporate this with the newsletter mailout. Please display the poster for WMD in a prominent position if possible.

We have not received any letters from our members, that's you!, to add to this edition. Please send in any comments, ideas, constructive criticisms relating to the work of the Forum and its development to be included in future issues of Well@Work.

Hope to see you at the seminar.

Jane Howie

Health and Safety Forum picks up Award for Excellence at the House of Lords

On the 27th of January, representatives of the BAOHSF (Bradford Area Occupational Health and Safety Forum) went to the House of Lords to pick up an award for holding the best seminar on occupational health and safety in the UK.

The Alan Butler Memorial Award for Excellence 2004 was named in honour of Alan Butler who established an awards competition to encourage high standards of work in individual Health and Safety Groups through the National Health and Safety Groups Council, an affiliated group of RoSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents).

The Bradford group received the reward for its SHOT (Securing Healthy Occupations Together) seminar held at the Carlisle Business Centre during European Health and Safety week in October. The Criteria for judging included choice of subject matter, content, calibre of speakers, attendance numbers and value for money.

Forum members invited by Lord Braugham & Vaux CBE to the House of Lords, represented different sectors of Bradford's working community. These were: Carol Duerden, Forum Chair and

representative for the voluntary sector; Julian Franklin, HM Inspector with the Health and Safety Executive; Graham Reay Principal Manager of Occupational Health and Safety with Bradford Council; local businessman Dr. Tony Smith of Envirocare Technical Consultancy Ltd; Andrew Mawson, Branch Health and Safety officer with Bradford Inland Revenue, PCS Union; and the seminar organisers, Jane Howie, Forum Development Worker and Neville Roland, Consultant in Policy and Strategy Development.

The Healthy Communities Fund Team through a 'good practice' funding bid supported the SHOT seminar. A full report on the seminar can be found on the Forum website www.baohsf.org.uk.

Carol Dureden said "We are very proud to receive the award which reflects all of the hard work that we have put in over the last 10 years to try and make a difference to the lives of the working people of Bradford".

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