

Hazards campaign

21st National Hazards Conference

Hazards 2010

will be held at

Keele University, Stoke-on-Trent

from 9th – 11th July 2010

Hazards 2010 Sponsorship Appeal

Our thanks to the 282 sponsors of Hazards 2009. Ever reliable support came from unions from branch to national levels, trades councils, Hazards campaigners and union-linked personal injury solicitors. Delegate numbers held up remarkably well given the economic climate.

Hazards 2009 opened with a meeting addressed by Sarangi Satinath, from the International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal, the Indian city that was devastated by the world's worst industrial incident in 1984. 42 tons of methyl isocyanate gas were released, which killed an estimated 10,000 people immediately, and has been responsible for some 25,000 deaths since. US company Union Carbide that owned the plant, whose disregard of safe working practices caused the incident, has never paid adequate compensation for their crime.

Hazards 2009 focused on supporting safety reps activities, and the need to ensure that employers are not using the recession as an excuse to relax workplace standards on health, safety and welfare. The conference also picked up a strand from Dame Carol Black's report; the need for workers to have good jobs that are safe and without risks to health.

Hank Roberts was awarded the 2009 'Alan' for his campaigning work in schools and the community, and Solihull UCU Branch presented a cheque for £5,000 to the Hazards Campaign.

Nancy Lessin and Charley Richardson from workers' education centres in the USA, and Hugh Robertson, HSE Board member, were keynote speakers in the opening plenary. They also contributed to debates on bullying; the creation of "good jobs"; and the importance of health and safety in the recession, supported by David Beale, employment studies lecturer at Manchester University, and Hazards campaigners Simon Pickvance and Ian Draper.

Sunday morning meeting's topics grouped together issues from the workshop programme, and reports from these meetings fed into the final plenary, where delegates discussed campaigning aims for the next year. A final report of the conference is on the Hazards Campaign website at www.hazardscampaign.org.uk

Hazards 2010 is going back to Keele University in Staffordshire, the highly praised venue for the 2008 conference. We hope you will continue to be able to support Hazards. Please ask your organisation to consider this appeal positively.

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