

Hazards 2018

27th—29th July 2018

Safety Reps @ 40: Vital to the future of Safe and Healthy Work

Hazards Conference is the UK's biggest and best educational and organising event for trade union safety reps and activists. It consists of a mixture of plenary sessions, meetings and a comprehensive workshop programme. Delegates have the opportunity to exchange experience and information with, and learn from, safety reps and activists from other unions, sectors and jobs across the UK. It's great craic too!

2017 was a significant year for our workplace health and safety. The Grenfell Tower fire was a shocking example of the consequences of the government's 'bonfire of health and safety regulations'. It was an 'enough is enough' moment! After decades of undermining the HSE and LA enforcement bodies through savage cuts in funding and arbitrary policy changes, critical fire, building, product, environmental and workplace safety laws have been unjustifiably and insanely changed and trade unions have been undermined through draconian legislative changes with an aim to shackle their collective and organisational effectiveness. The Government is attempting to silence critics and exclude many experts and interested parties from the public inquiry into Grenfell turning it into a whitewash.

But 2017 was not all bad news. This was also the year we started our celebrations of 40 years of SRSC regulation. One of the most important pieces of health and safety legislation in the UK. The SRSC give safety reps their statutory rights to inspect, consult their members, challenge their employers and improve health, safety and welfare in their workplaces. We have also seen a number of prominent safety based disputes: the courageous McDonald strikers took industrial action to increase their low pay and improve their health and safety at work, and the determination of the railway workers fighting to keep our guards on the trains.

Technological changes have also featured heavily in the news throughout the year as employers seek to squeeze more and more profit out of their organisations. Automation shouldn't be a tool to beat or exclude workers, it should be an opportunity to support and improve our society, to cut and improve our working hours, to provide a better life work balance with enough income to support our additional leisure time. It should be an opportunity to improve our health and life expectancy. Automation should be about sharing the opportunities for the community and not grabbing the surpluses for the greedy few. It should aim to improve the health, safety and welfare of all workers.

Hazards 2018 will be addressing some of the most important issues facing workers, it will provide practical skills, improved knowledge and give delegates a new confidence to support their roles in the workplace.

How to apply for Hazards 2018

The closing date for applications is Friday 6th July 2018

Choose 2 workshops plus a reserve within one of the Themes, and one Meeting. Put your choices in the appropriate boxes on the form. Arrange your delegate fee, complete the registration form, and send it with your cheque payable to **Hazards 2018**. **If you want to pay by BACS contact us for our account details to make the payment.**

Notification we have received your registration

We will acknowledge your application within a few days of receiving it. If you don't hear from us within 2 weeks of sending in your form, **please contact us urgently to check that it has not got lost in the post.**

For more information, clarification or queries, contact us on

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Hazards campaign

Hazards 2018

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To Register

Hazards 2018 is a training and updating event supported by both your union and the TUC. Your employer has a duty to permit you to take paid time-off to attend such training events, so make sure you apply for that time-off so you don't miss the Friday opening session of the event.

Conference timings and registration

Friday 27th July, 1.00 - 7.30pm — Delegate registration

Friday 27th July, 7.30 - 9.00pm - Hazards opening plenary

Saturday 28th July, 7.30 - 9.00 am — Delegate registration

Sunday 29th July, 12.30pm — Conference Close (followed by packed lunch)

Delegate Fees:

Residential delegates stay in good University accommodation on campus. The delegate fee covers access to all conference events, campus facilities, refreshments at breaks and two nights accommodation with full board.

♦ **Residential delegate fee £300.00**

Non-residential delegates have access to all conference events, campus facilities, refreshments during breaks and lunch

♦ **Non-residential delegate fee £195.00**

The Campus and residential accommodation

Accommodation for residential delegates is in a newly built accommodation block with single en-suite rooms with full facilities. All conference activities are in and around the Chancellor's Building. Campus map at <http://www.keele.ac.uk/aboutus/howtofindus/> We will send you a map with final confirmation in July. The management centre is being demolished and therefore there are no family or double rooms available.

Bringing a non-delegate partner/carer

B&B + evening meal for a **residential non-participant partner/carer** is **£195 for the weekend**. **Call to discuss.** Please note that a non residential, non participative partner will be charged £25 for lunch and refreshments on Saturday and Sunday, if they want to join their partner at the conference venue.

Children and child care

For delegates who need to bring a child or children we provide professional child care for all conference sessions. **Please contact us to discuss the arrangements and your union's child care allowance.** **Put details about your child or children on your form.** There are now no facilities on site for children's accommodation, so you will have to register as a non-residential delegate and book your own hotel.

Delegates with mobility or other needs

Please let us know about any mobility or other needs by ticking the box on the form and saying what you need. It is important to let us know your exact needs, **call us before you apply to discuss this.** We will be unable to make on the spot arrangements if you haven't told us in advance. There is a minibus which will travel between the accommodation and conference centre at specific times.

Cancellation/substitutes

Delegates who have to cancel can send a substitute in their place without any additional cost—just tell us their name and details. If you cancel your booking before 6th July without any substitute we will refund your fee, less 20% to cover our administrative costs.

Important note: We cannot make refunds for cancellations after 6th July. Our contract requires us to confirm the numbers that are attending on that date, and we are charged for that number even if they don't attend.

The 29th National Hazards Conference

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Cartoon: Andy Vine

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**Keele University
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