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International Workers Memorial Day *

***"Remember the Dead –
Fight for the Living"***

***Safe and healthy work is a
fundamental right of all workers***

Thursday 28th April 2022 1.30 - 3pm

**National Covid Memorial Wall, Lambeth
Palace Road, SE1 3FT**



Speakers:

Jackie Applebee (Doctors in Unite) **Dave Carr** (Unite rep and ICU Nurse); **Shelly Asquith** (TUC National H&S Officer); **Colenzo Jarett-Thorpe** (Unite National officer for health); **Helen O'Connor** (GMB, ex nurse and NHS union organiser); **Dr Meenal Viz** (campaigning NHS doctor); **Dr Anna Livingstone** (Barts Unite); **Sarah Byrne** (teacher NEU).

Please send us a message of support via email or twitter if you're not able to attend; we will read these out at the event.

Please join us at the Covid Memorial Wall (Westminster bridge end), to remember our colleagues who have died while working on the front line to keep us safe from the Covid-19 virus. Most workers don't die of mystery ailments, or in tragic "accidents". They die because employers decided their safety just wasn't that important. Covid 19 has caused the deaths of at least 2,129 health and social care workers in England and Wales. Protections have been inadequate since the start, and even now most are refused protection against the main way the virus spreads, through the air.

Other essential workers, like bus and train drivers, shop workers, cleaners, security guards, teachers, food industry workers and others have also paid a heavy price due to the government's catastrophic handling of the pandemic. Many have 2-3 times the death rate from Covid compared to managers, as do Black and Asian workers. This has to stop, people should not have to risk their lives doing their jobs.

*International Workers Memorial Day is commemorated all over the world on 28 April. The International Labour Organisation has made healthy and safe workplaces a priority. There are lots of events here in the UK, and in many countries. Please see here for further information <https://www.tuc.org.uk/iwmd-events>

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