

INVITATION

Thursday 28th April 2022 – Remember the dead, fight like hell for the living

Dear Colleague

Congress, along with the Government, Ibec, the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and the CIF will collectively mark Workers' Memorial Day Ireland on April 28th at the national and annual commemorative event to remember people killed, injured, made ill and bereaved through work-related accidents.

Together, we are inviting you to join us on Thursday 28th April to support this keynote national day of commemoration. We are also asking your union to mark the day by considering a range of suggested initiatives that you might implement, listed overleaf.

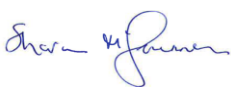
Congress President Kevin Callinan will be joined by Sharon McGuinness, CEO of the Health & Safety Authority, and Minister Damien English TD who will lay a wreath on behalf of the state to remember those workers we have lost.

Please join us to mark this important occasion:

Date: Thursday 28th April 2022
Venue: Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square, Dublin 1
Time : 8:45am – 9:45am

In Ireland in the ten year period between 2012 and 2021, 481 people were killed in work-related incidents and many thousands more were severely injured or made ill. You will all know that in addition to these official figures, we have lost many more front-line workers to Covid-19 over the last 2 years. In 2021, 38 people were killed in accidents. These are unacceptable figures which can be reduced through a combined and intensified effort by all concerned. By working together and promoting the practice of safety and health in workplaces throughout Ireland we will achieve a significant drop in these dreadful numbers. We all have a responsibility to make sure that happens.

We would warmly welcome your attendance at this commemorative event. Please mark this date now in your calendar and RSVP to osh@ictu.ie.



Dr. Sharon McGuinness
Chief Executive Officer



Patricia King
General Secretary



Danny McCoy
Chief Executive



Tom Parlon
Director General

Congress is asking all affiliated unions to encourage events in workplaces to mark the day.

There are a wide range of initiatives that unions can consider including:

- Get involved in creating awareness by using the official Workers' Memorial Day Ireland logo on your website, social media presence, presentations, email signatures, displays and in offices and workplaces. The logo is available at <https://www.ictu.ie/workers-memorial-day/workers-memorial-day-2022>.
- Website/Newsletter content
- Social media content. For example, take a photo of your activity or event and share it on social media. Please use the hashtag #WorkersMemorialDay and #IWMD22 on any posts and tag relevant organisations
- Add an overlay to your union or personal Twitter or Facebook account at <https://twibbon.com/Support/workers-memorial-day-11>
- In-house training sessions or a toolbox talk
- Guest speaker presentation to staff
- Press release to your local/national media marking your event or the day itself
- Your own ceremonial event or minutes silence to mark the occasion