

# Second joint conference on



## LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

In January 2002, a coalition of trade unions, safety groups and families, bereaved from work-related deaths and disasters, came together around a series of demands for reform on safety, law enforcement and corporate accountability. This conference will explore this and the Government's agenda for reform, and will in particular look at new research on the effectiveness of the Health and Safety Executive and Local Authorities in the inspection, investigation and prosecution of companies and other organisations.

*When:*

**Monday 8 July 2002**

*Where:*

**Congress House,  
Great Russell Street,  
London WC1**

*Time:*

**9.30 am – 5.00pm**

*Cost:*

**£25.00 / £5.00 (unwaged)**

### Speakers include

- **Alan Whitehead** M.P., The Safety Minister
- **Adrian Ellis**, Director of Field Operations, HSE
- **Nigel Hammond**, Head of the Local Authority Unit, HSE
- **Owen Tudor**, TUC
- **Chris Pierce**, Institute of Directors
- **Mark Thomas**, Comedian and broadcaster
- **Hugh Robertson**, UNISON
- **Anne Jones**, Simon Jones Memorial Campaign
- **Paul Faupel**, President, IOSH
- **Richard Hardy**, PROSPECT
- **Stephen Miller**, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

### Key Issues at the Conference

- Director duties on health and safety;
- New research into the enforcement record of the HSE and Local Authorities;
- HSE's new 'Enforcement Policy Statement';
- Reform to the law of manslaughter;
- Government funding of the HSE and Local Authorities;

### Who should come to this conference

- trade union safety representatives;
- national and local policy makers;
- academics, journalists and students;
- personal injury lawyers;
- trade union lawyers and health and safety officers;
- health and safety organisations and hazard campaigners;
- health and safety inspectors;
- company managers and safety officers.

### Registration Form

Please return this form (using block capitals throughout) as soon as possible, and no later than 1 July 2002, enclosing a cheque (made out to the CCA) and sending it to:

Law Enforcement Conference, Centre for Corporate Accountability, Fourth Floor,  
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# Programme, 8 July 2002

## 9.30 CONFERENCE OPENING

Chair: *Louise Christian*

## 9.45 The Agenda for Change

- *Professor Steve Tombs, Centre for Corporate Accountability*
- *Owen Tudor, TUC*
- *Anne Jones, Simon Jones Memorial Campaign*

## 10.30 Questions

## 10.45 The Government Agenda

- *Alan Whitehead M.P. \* Minister for Safety, Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions*

## 11.00 Questions

## 11.20 Tea/Coffee

## 11.40 The record of the HSE and Local Authorities in undertaking inspections, investigations, and Prosecutions

The results of detailed research undertaken by UNISON and the CCA.

- *David Bergman, Centre for Corporate Accountability*

### Responses to the research

- *Adrian Ellis, Head of Field Operations, HSE*
- *Nigel Hammond, Head of HSE's Local Authority Unit*

## 12.30 Questions

## 1.00 LUNCH

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: *Steve Tombs*

## 2.00 Funding and the Enforcing Authorities

- *Richard Hardy, PROSPECT*
- *Stephen Miller, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Officers*

## 2.30 Questions

## 2.50 Experience of Bereaved Families and Injured Workers

- *George Stewart, whose 24 year old son Paul died in the Avonmouth Gantry collapse in September 1999*
- *Penny Allen, whose 16 year old son Ridgley died in a Private Care home in February 1999*
- *Michael Toomy, who suffered a serious injury at work in July 1998*
- *Diana Macaulay, whose 26 year old son died in the Ladbroke Grove train crash*

## 3.30 Questions

## 3.45 Tea

## 4.00 Concluding Session: The agenda for reform in this area

In this session, each of the speakers will speak for five minutes on how they see reform agenda in this area and there will be an extended period of questions and discussion

- *Chris Pierce, Institute of Directors*
- *Hugh Robertson, UNISON*
- *Paul Faupel, President, Institute of Occupational Safety and Health*
- *Mark Thomas, Mark Thomas Product*
- *Baroness Gibson, All-Party Parliamentary Safety Group*

## 4.30 Questions and Discussion

## 5.00 Close

\* To be confirmed

# Contributors

*David Bergman* is the Executive director of the Centre for Corporate Accountability. He has written widely on workplace safety and corporate accountability issues.

*Louise Christian* is a solicitor who has been involved in a number of cases involving corporate manslaughter including the private prosecution of South Coast Shipping over the Marchioness disaster. She is on the Board of the Centre for Corporate Accountability.

*Adrian Ellis* is Director of Field Operations at the HSE. He is responsible for most of HSE's enforcement responsibilities – in construction, manufacturing and agriculture. It is responsible for the over 90% of inspections, investigations and prosecution undertaken by the HSE.

*Paul Faupel* is President of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health which represents over 24,000 safety professionals.

*Baroness Gibson* of Market Rasen is a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Safety and Health. She was, until recently, a member of the Health and Safety Commission.

*Richard Hardy* is the Negotiating Officer of PROSPECT which is the union that represents HSE inspectors. The union is campaigning for increased resources for the HSE.

*Nigel Hammond* is the Head of HSE's Local Authority Unit which is responsible for ensuring that Local Authorities comply with HSE enforcement policies and practices.

*Anne Jones* is the mother of Simon Jones who was killed at Shoreham Docks in April 1998 on his first day at work. Euromin Ltd and its managing director were acquitted last year of his manslaughter.

*Maureen Kavanagh* is the mother of 29 year old son Peter who was killed in the Southall train crash. She was involved in setting up the Safety on Trains Action Group and a member of Disaster Action.

*Hugh Robertson* is the Head of Health and Safety and Bargaining Support at UNISON.

*Stephen Miller* is the Head of Environment and Commercial Standards at the London Borough of Newham. He is a Trustee of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and was chair of the Institute's Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

*Chris Pierce* is the Deputy Director for Professional Standards at the Institute of Directors.

*Steven Tombs* is Professor of Sociology at John Moores University in Liverpool. He is co-author of the book "Corporate Crime" published in 1999 by Longmans. He is the Chair of the Board of the Centre for Corporate Accountability.

*Mark Thomas* is a comedian and broadcaster.

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*Alan Whitehead* M.P. is the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department of Local Government, Transport and the Regions. He has day-to-day responsibility for health and safety with oversight of the Health and Safety Commission and responsibility for drafting a new safety bill.

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