

# Third joint conference on



## LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Safety groups and trade unions continue to campaign to make companies safer and to secure justice for victims. This conference examines progress in, and views on, three key legislative reforms: the new offence of 'Corporate Killing', the imposition of safety duties upon company directors, and increasing fine levels. It will also address the nature of legal and other initiatives mounted by bereaved families to improve safety and accountability. The conference encompasses views from the bereaved, trades unions, Government and HSE, political parties, the legal profession, employers' organisations and academics.

*When:*

**Monday 7 July 2003**

*Where:*

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

*Time:*

**9.15am – 5.20pm**

*Cost:*

**£25.00 / £5.00 (unwaged)**

**£40 for lawyers/businesses**

### Speakers include

- **Rt. Hon. Nick Brown**, Minister for Work\*
- **Brendan Barber** TUC General Secretary Elect
- **Janet Asherson**, Confederation of British Industry
- **Anne Jones**, Simon Jones Memorial Campaign
- **Lord Falconer**, Home Office Minister\*
- **Neal Stone**, Health and Safety Executive
- **Patricia Peter**, Institute of Directors
- **John Halford**, Bindman Solicitors
- **Ross Cranston Q.C. M.P.**
- **Tony Lloyd M.P.** and other MPs and bereaved families

\*To be confirmed

### Key Issues at the Conference

- Assessing Governmental Progress on Safety and Accountability
- Corporate Killing and Director Duties
- Sentencing of companies
- Legal Challenges to Government Decisions
- Bereaved Families and Struggles for Justice

### 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 4 July 2003, enclosing a cheque (made out to the CCA) and sending it to:

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# Programme, 7 July 2003

## Making Companies and Organisations Safer

### Opening Session: Assessing Reforms since May 1997

#### 9.15 Chair: Owen Tudor – Opening Remarks

- 9.30
- Rt Hon Nick Brown M.P., Minister for Work
  - Anne Jones, Mother of Simon Jones
  - Brendan Barber, TUC General Secretary Elect

#### 10.15 Questions

### Accountability of Companies and Directors

- 10.40 Corporate Killing
- Andrew Dismore M.P.
  - Lord Falconer, Home Office, Minister for Criminal Policy
  - Janet Asherson, CBI, Head of Environmental Affairs

#### 11.30 Questions

#### 11.45 Tea/Coffee

- 12.00 Directors' Duties
- Ross Cranston Q.C. M.P.
  - Neal Stone, HSE, Head of Innovative Engagement Unit
  - Patricia Peter, Institute of Directors, Corporate Governance

#### 12.45 Questions

- 1.00 CCA/TUC position on Corporate Killing and Directors' Duties
- David Bergman, Centre for Corporate Accountability

#### 1.10 Lunch

### 2.00 What makes workplaces safer?

Chair: Andrew Morgan, Field Fisher Waterhouse

- Professor David Walters TUC Chair of the Working Environment  
How Effective are Trade Unions?
- Professor Steve Tombs, Centre for Corporate Accountability  
Does Inspection, investigation and prosecution work?
- Lawrie Quinn MP  
How effective is Sentencing?

#### 2.45 Questions

#### 3.00 Tea/Coffee

### 3.20 Families Seeking Accountability

- John Halford, Bindman Solicitors  
the role of judicial review and other complaint mechanisms
- George Stewart,  
challenging a coroner who refuses to hold an inquest
- Moira Martin,  
challenging the HSE when it refuses to prosecute

#### 4.00 Questions

### 4.20 Concluding Session: All Party Roundtable

Discussion chaired by: Owen Tudor

- Tony Baldry M.P., Conservative
- Tony Lloyd M.P., Labour
- Dr Vincent Cable M.P., Liberal Democrat

#### 5.0 Questions

#### 5.20 Finish

## Contributors

Janet **Asherson** is CBI's Head of Environmental Affairs with responsibility for developing CBI's policy on health and safety.

Tony **Baldry** is a Conservative MP with a keen interest in health and safety. A former minister, he is also a director of a number of public companies in the UK and abroad.

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

Nick **Brown** M.P. is the Minister for Work and is the minister responsible for health and safety as well as industrial injury benefits.

Vincent **Cable** M.P. is the shadow Trade and Industry Secretary for the Liberal Democrats with responsibility for the safety portfolio.

Ross **Cranston** Q.C. is a Labour M.P. for a West Midlands constituency who recently tabled a Ten Minute Rule bill on Directors Duties. He is a former Solicitor General.

Andrew **Dismore** is a Labour M.P. who has tabled an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill that would have created an offence of Corporate Killing.

Lord **Falconer** is the Home Office Minister for Criminal Policy with responsibility for reform to the law of manslaughter.

John **Halford** is a solicitor at Bindmans specialising in public law. He worked for many years at the Public Law Project and has worked closely with the CCA on its advice work.

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 charged with manslaughter but acquitted.

Tony **Lloyd** M.P. is chair of the Trade Union Group of Labour MPs and was shadow spokesperson on Health and Safety in the early 1990s.

Moira **Martin** is the wife of David Martin who was crushed to death in December 2002 in a factory in Newcastle. The HSE failed to prosecute a director of the company.

Andrew **Morgan** is a solicitor at the solicitors Field Fisher Waterhouse and specialises in occupational disease cases.

Patricia **Peter** is a Corporate Governance Executive at the Institute of Directors.

Lawrie **Quinn** is Labour M.P. for Scarborough and Whitby and is piloting the Health and Safety (Offences) Bill through the Commons.

George **Stewart** is the father of 24 year old Paul who died in the Avonmouth Gantry Collapse in September 1999. The Coroner had refused to hold an inquest into the death.

Neal **Stone** is the Head of the Innovative Engagement Unit at the HSE which is responsible for developing the organisation's policy on 'Directors Duties'

Steve **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.

Owen **Tudor** is a Senior Policy Officer at the TUC, a member of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council and a member of the Health and Safety Commission.

David **Walters** is the TUC Professor of the Working Environment at Cardiff University and is a leading expert on the role of Trade unions and safety.

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