

A conference on



'CORPORATE KILLING'

By April, the Government will have published its new proposals to reform the law of corporate manslaughter. This conference will examine these proposals in detail and consider how effective they would be in promoting worker and public safety and holding companies, public sector organisations and directors/senior managers to account.

Speakers include

- Rt Hon. David Blunkett, Home Secretary*
- Frances O'Grady, Deputy General Secretary, TUC
- Patricia Peters, Institute of Directors
- Hilda Palmer, Hazards Campaign
- Jack Dromey, Deputy General Secretary, T&G
- Gary Booton, EEF, The Manufacturers' Organisation
- Jonathan Russel, Head of Enforcement Policy Branch, HSE
- Lawrence Waterman, President Elect, IOSH
- Anne Jones, Simon Jones Memorial Campaign
- Roger Bibbins, ROSPA
- Louise Christian, Solicitor

Plus GMB, AMICUS, APIL and Federation of Small Businesses

*To be confirmed

When:

Thursday 29 April 2004

Where:

Congress House
Great Russel St, London WC1

Time:

9.30am – 4.30pm

Cost:

£30.00/£10.00 (unwaged)

£60 for lawyers/businesses/gov. bodies

Key Issues at the Conference

- Detail of the Government proposals
- Impact of proposals on directors/managers
- Comparison with other countries
- Impact on the public sector/crown bodies
- Reaction of trade unions, employers, and safety groups

Who should come to this conference

- trade union safety representatives;
- safety groups and hazard campaigners;
- public sector and crown bodies;
- company managers and safety officers;
- personal injury and trade union lawyers.

5 hours of Law Society CPD credit

For further information about the conference, please contact Sugar Munthali at the Centre for Corporate Accountability.

● Tel number: 020 7490 4494

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Registration Form

Please return this form (using block capitals throughout) as soon as possible, and no later than 26 April 2004, enclosing a cheque (made out to the CCA) and sending it to:

Corporate Killing Conference, Centre for Corporate Accountability, Fourth Floor,
197/199 City Road, London EC1V 1JN

I would like to register for this conference. I enclose a cheque for £30 ☐ £10 (unwaged) ☐
Lawyers, profit making business and government bodies ☐ £60

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Programme, 29 April 2004

9.45 Key Note Speech: the Government Proposals

- Rt. Hon. David Blunkett, Home Secretary

10.15 Industry and Union Views

- Frances O'Grady, Deputy General Secretary, TUC
- Gary Booton, Director of Health and Safety, EEF

11.00 Questions

11.10 Tea

11.30 Different Perspectives on proposals

A critical Perspective?

- Hilda Palmer, Hazards Campaign

A positive Perspective?

- Patricia Peters, Institute of Directors

A Regulatory Body's Perspective

- Jonathan Russel, Head of Policy, Health and Safety Executive

12.30 Questions

12.40 Views on Proposed Reforms – 5 minute slots

- T&G – Jack Dromey, Deputy General
- IOSH – Lawrence Waterman, President Elect
- ROSPA – Roger Bibbins
- INQUEST – Deborah Coles, Co-Director

1.00 LUNCH

2pm Detailed Analysis of of Proposals

Key issues and international comparisons

- David Bergman, CCA

Crown bodies and unincorporated associations

- Murray Hunt, Human Rights Barrister Matrix Chambers

Position of Directors under Proposals

- Courtney Davis, CCA

2.45 Questions

3.00 Short Break

3.05 Views on Proposed Reforms – 5 minute slots

- APIL – Colin Ettinger, Vice-President
- GMB – Health and Safety Department – Kim Sunley
- Federation of Small Businesses – Stephen Alambritis
- Specialist Lawyer – Louise Christian
- Simon Jones Memorial Campaign – Anne Jones
- AMICUS speaker

3.40 Sentencing for Corporate Killing

- Prof. Chris Clarkson, University of Leicester

4.00 Legal Developments in Scotland

- Jennifer Ross, University of Strathclyde

4.20 Questions

4.30 CLOSE

Contributors

David Bergman is Director of the Centre for Corporate Accountability. The CCA has drafted a Directors Duties (Health and Safety) Bill.

Roger Bibbins is the Occupational Safety Advisor at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. Prior to this, he worked for many years as health and safety adviser at the Trades Union Congress

Rt. Hon. David Blunkett is the Home Secretary and is responsible for reforms concerning the law of manslaughter.

Louise Christian is a Partner at Christian Khan solicitors and has represented many families bereaved from disasters and work-related deaths.

Courtney Davis is the Deputy Director of the Centre for Corporate Accountability and is a Research Fellow at Sussex university.

Deborah Coles is co-Director of INQUEST and advice and campaigning organisation concerned with deaths in prison and police custody.

Colin Ettinger is a leading human rights barrister at Matrix chambers who has worked on the issue of corporate criminal accountability.

Murry Hunt is the Vice-President of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. He is a partner at the law firm Colin Ettinger.

Anne Jones is the mother of Simon Jones who was killed at Shoreham Docks in April 1998 on his first day at work. The Simon Jones Memorial Campaign has become an influential activist body on safety issues.

Frances O'Grady is the Deputy General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress. Before joining the TUC in 1994, Frances worked for the Transport and General Workers Union on social justice and equality issues.

Hilda Palmer is the acting-chair of the Hazards Campaign, which is a network of resource centres and campaigners on health and safety at work. She is also the Co-ordinator of the Greater Manchester Hazard Centre.

Patricia Peters, is the Corporate Governance Executive of the Institute of Directors. The IOD has in the past been supportive of the government's 'Corporate Killing' legislation

Jenifer Ross is a senior law lecturer at the University of Strathclyde and has written on homicide in Scotland.

Jonathan Russel is Head of the "Health and Safety at Work Act Framework and Enforcement Policy Branch" of the Health and Safety Executive.

Lawrence Waterman is the President Elect of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He is Chairman of Sygol, a leading health, safety and environmental consultancy, a Fellow of IOSH (FIOH), a Registered Safety Practitioner (RSP) and a Member of the Faculty of Occupational Hygiene (MFOH).

