



Hazards Conference Agenda 2026 (short)

Fri. 4th Sept.

13.00 -19.30 **Delegate registration**

17.30 - 19.30 **Evening meal** (dining area)

20.00 - 21.00 **Opening Plenary: Westminster Theatre (Hybrid)**

Psychosocial Hazards in the Workplace: How can we make mental health risks matter as much as physical risks? Chair: **Doug Russell** (GMHC), speakers: **Andrea Egan** (Unison General Secretary), **Liam O'Brien** (ACTU Assistant Secretary), **Huma Haq** (TUC National Health & Safety Officer), **Rob Miguel** (UNITE National Health and Safety Officer), **Dan Shears** (GMB Director of Health and Safety)

21.00 - 22.00 **Networking in Sectors**

Sat. 5th Sept.

07.30 - 09.00 **Registration for later arrivals and non-residential delegates**

07.30 - 09.00 **Breakfast** (dining area)

09.00 - 10.30 **Main Meeting 1: Westminster Theatre (Hybrid)**

Technology / Artificial Intelligence: What are the challenges and opportunities for safety reps? Chaired by **Andrew Middleton** (NASUWT), speakers: **Andrea Oates** (LRD), **Mike Hines** (RCN), **Darren Thelwell** (TU Ed), **Ceri Williams** (TUC Wales)

10.30 - 11.00 **Break**

11.00 - 12.30 **1st Workshop** (check your badge)

12.30 - 14.00 **Lunch** exhibitor stalls/ breakout rooms for union delegations

13.00 - 13.45 **Thompsons Lunchtime Fringe Session: White Collar Wave Asbestos/ Silicosis** (Daniel Poet and Neil Baines)

14.00 - 15.30 **Main Meeting 2: Westminster Theatre (Hybrid)**

2026: Year of Trade Union Action on Climate Change: What have we learned and what next? Chaired by **Geoff Smith** (Hazards), speakers include: **Sarah Vaughn** (NEU), **Graham Petersen** (GJA), **Janet Newsham** (TUCAN), **Mary Doolin** (PCS).

15.30 - 16.00 **Break**

16.00 - 17.30 **2nd Workshop** (check your badge)

17.45 - 18.45 **Fringe meetings** (check your badge)

19.00 - 20.30 **Dinner** (dining area)

21.00 - 22.00 **The Quiz Extrordinaire** (dining area)

22.00 - **Networking**

Sun. 6th Sept.

07.30 - 09.00 **Breakfast**. Clear rooms; bring cases to secure room in registration area

09.30 - 10.40 **Closing Plenary and Q&A: Westminster Theatre (Hybrid)**

Protecting Workers Now and into the Future: Small gains in a tough environment but what lies ahead on worker safety? Joint Chairs: **Janet Newsham** (Hazards/ TUCAN) and **Marie Monaghan** (Hazards), speakers **Phil Liptrot** (Thompsons), **Ian Hodson** (BFAWU), **Wayne Bates** (NASUWT), **Gawain Little** (GFTU), **Rob Miguel** (UNITE)

10.40 - 10.50 **Safety Shorts 1: Neil Gardiner** (GMB) PPE Fit For All Campaign (video)

10.50 - 11.00 **Safety Shorts 2: Greg Byrne** (IATP) Sick Buildings

11.00 - 11.10 **Safety Shorts 3: Jawad Qasrawi** (Hazards Magazine) Evidencing Safety

11.10 - 12.00 **In Memoriam, Certificates of Excellence, Bad Boss Award. Acknowledgements and Group Photo.**

12.00 - 13.00 **Packed Lunch** – Eat together or take away and depart

12.30 - 14.00 **Coach to Stoke Station: boarding 1pm - 1.15pm** (free/ register at reception)