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Greener Jobs Alliance - Free Course For Trade Union Reps on 'Air Pollution – A Trade Union Issue' Friday 28th September 2018 from 1.00pm – 4.00pm

To: All Branches

Dear Colleagues,

Introduction

Air pollution in the UK is a public health emergency and has rightly in recent times become the centre of attention as the government's own figures confirm that air pollution is responsible for 40,000 deaths in the UK each year and the World Health Organisation has called it a global health emergency. Workers are exposed to and create pollution to fulfil contractual obligations to employers. It is an occupational health issue that employers take little responsibility for. The 'Greener Jobs Alliance' and the 'Hazards Campaign' are offering this free half day courses for trade union representatives to look in detail at the issue and explores what can be done about it.

The Greener Jobs Alliance

The Greener Jobs Alliance (GJA) has been formed as a partnership body inclusive of trade unions, student organisations, campaigning groups and a policy think tank. It campaigns around the issue of jobs and the skills needed to transition to a low-carbon economy. The founding members of the GJA are the University and College Union, Trades Union Congress, Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, National Union of Students, People & Planet, and the Institute of Public Policy Research.

The Course

Attending this course will help you to:

- Examine why air pollution is both a workplace issue and a public health one
- Find out about air pollution busting Citizen Science techniques
- Create action plans to deal with workplace exposures
- Create action plans to meaningfully engage in air pollution with local councils
- Share experience, knowledge and ideas

The Venue

South East Region Southampton Office
Unite the Union
Unite House
41 Castle Way
Southampton
SO14 2BW

Registration

Registration is required.

Please confirm your attendance by email to: janet@gmhazards.org.uk

For further information please contact Janet Newsham on **Tel: 0161 6367558**

Unions and the Environment

Unions have a strong voice protecting the environment in their workplaces and local communities, and there's an ideal opportunity to check out some of the resources and support available. The CWU supports encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of the environment and is working with the 'Greener Jobs Alliance' and 'Hazards'.

Yours sincerely



Dave Joyce
National Health, Safety & Environment Officer