

## North Lanarkshire Trade Union Council



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*Thanks for your attendance, safe journey home*

# International Workers Memorial Day



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Wednesday 28th April 2010  
12.00noon – 13.00pm

*“remember the dead, fight for the living”*

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Welcome to all and thanks for coming along to our 3rd International Workers Memorial Day at Summerlee. We meet today to remember the dead and fight for the living as the International slogan says. We remember our loved ones, we remember the good times before their untimely death. We remember how angry we were when the news was broken, we always ask ourselves why, why did it happen, why now, why them. These questions can never be answered to our satisfaction, we would never accept any reasons why someone has to die while at work.

Fighting for the living is our comfort, we have to learn from the past, we have to make sure never again, no more tragedies, no more accidents, no more loss of life. The 50th Anniversary of the Auchengiech Miners, reminds us of this tragic event, where so many workers were lost, through an accident. Today we still remember the dead, and I am quite sure, if like me you remember their Memorial Service, just recently outside Auchengiech Miners, the entrance to the pit, where, along with other NLTUC members who attended this event, a whole community came to remember, they have never forgotten, nor will they. To them it was only yesterday, I was moved by some of the stories from local people who had been there, who seen this tragedy unfold, they waited and waited comforting each other, hoping to hear good news, hoping to see their loved ones walk in to their arms, which sadly never happened.

NLTUC Secretary  
*Hugh Gaffney*

*"The past we inherit, the future we build"*

Introductions NLTUC Chairperson Jim Baxter

Lord Provost North Lanarkshire Tom Curley

STUC Youth Officer Georgina Wardrop

Minister for Coatbridge Chryston Bellshill Tom Clark

Member for Coatbridge Elaine Smith MSP

Member for Central Scotland Christina McKelvie MSP

North Lanarkshire Council Leader James McCabe

Executive Member RMT Jake Molloy

Auchengiech Miners Secretary Willie Doolan

Secretary for NLTUC Hugh Gaffney

Pipe Music Intro Robert Smith RMT

Laying of Wreaths from Trade Unions and Families

Minutes Silence to remember Workers Memorial Day