



## **European Work Hazards Conference**

### **Working Life beyond the Global economic Crisis: Changing patterns of working**

From 10–12 September, 2010, health and safety activists of 16 countries from around the world gathered together in Leeds University, England, for the 12th European Work Hazards Conference. Following a weekend of presentations, workshops, information meetings, workplace visits, debate and discussion, delegates unanimously agreed the following statement:

#### **We leave this conference pledging to work individually and collectively to:**

- Resist attempts to weaken laws and agreements which protect workers, and take and support action to strengthen laws and agreements;
- Resist moves to reduce enforcement action through cuts or political pressure, and take and support action to strengthen enforcement;
- Take and support action to increase protection for vulnerable workers;
- Promote and organise for more and better regulation of markets and increased accountability of companies and individual directors;
- Take and support action to develop 'good work': work that is safe, meaningful, socially just and sustainable; work that enables workers to develop skills and knowledge and have a reasonable life/work balance; work where people are treated with dignity and respect;
- Develop solidarity with working people throughout the world to resist the transfer of risk from one country to another, with a major goal being a global ban on asbestos; work to develop an active global network of health and safety activist networks;
- Take and support action aimed at reducing inequalities within and between nations: equal rights for all – men and women, all races and people of all beliefs.