

CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENT

28 April

Message from the Leader of the Council - Councillor Susan Aitken

Today marks International Workers' Memorial Day, when we recognise the sacrifice of workers around the world. We remember those who have lost their lives at work, or from work-related injury and diseases and renew our pledge to improve the workplace conditions for the living.

In this, the year of the coronavirus pandemic, this day of commemoration has never been more important or significant. Many across the UK have lost their lives to the virus while working on the frontline, acting to protect the public from COVID-19 and to keep our society running by delivering vital public services.

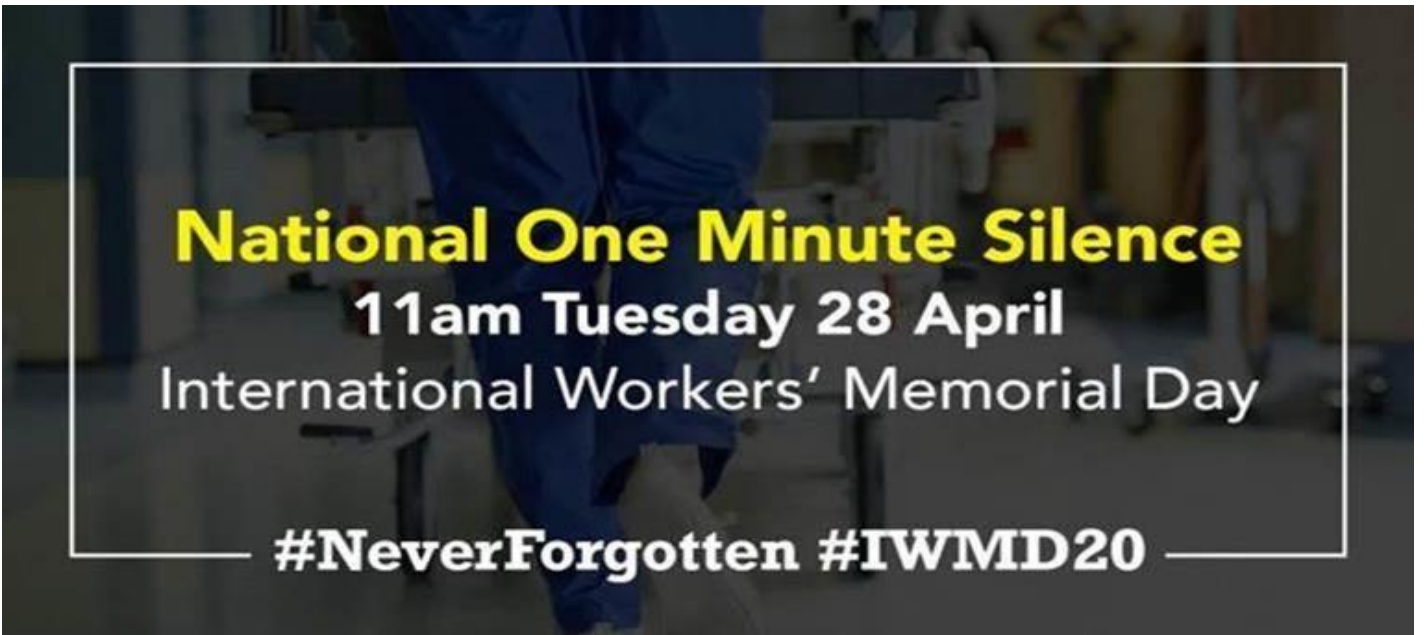
Throughout this outbreak and across the lockdown we have rightly cherished and celebrated the efforts of all those putting themselves in harm's way working in the health and social care sectors.

Today provides us with an opportunity to extend that those whose dedication to the people of Glasgow perhaps has not had the same public recognition; to our colleagues in cleansing, social care and childcare and our homeless teams; to the Third Sector groups at the coalface in our communities; to our shop workers, police officers, the bus drivers and railway workers.

It also allows us to reflect on how the pandemic is impacting on all of us - on our mental health as well as our physical well-being, acknowledging the anxiety, worry and additional stress so many have been put under and reminding our staff that there is help for them when they need it.

So today at 11am, in support of our trade unions, I am asking employees and fellow elected members, where possible, to take part in one minute's silence. It will be a moment to pay tribute to the sacrifice made of so many workers in the past and in current circumstances, to remember those who've sadly lost their lives, and to thank all those who continue to do vital work at great risk.

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National One Minute Silence
11am Tuesday 28 April
International Workers' Memorial Day
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