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19 EUROPEAN NEWS

The 2023-2025 edition of the EU-OSHA's Healthy Workplaces Campaign dedicated to 'Occupational Safety and Health in the Digital Age' will focus on work on digital platforms, advanced robotics and artificial intelligence (AI), remote work, intelligent digital systems and managing AI employees.



22 FRONTLINE SUPPORT

Family members, colleagues and close friends of first responders are now being guided on how best to provide support in the aftermath of difficult and stressful events on the frontline, under a new project developed by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland that offers them training in the elements of 'Hearing, Understanding, Guiding and Supporting' (HUGS) at home.



29 ATTACKS ON THE FRONTLINE

With attacks against Gardaí on the rise, the Minister for Justice is bringing forward legislation to increase the maximum sentence to 12 years for assaults on Garda members and other emergency service workers. He has also introduced legislation to allow for the use of body worn cameras to protect frontline Gardaí.



37 FOUR-DAY WEEK GLOBAL

New research as part of the global Four-Day Week pilot programme has revealed that companies who gave their staff an extra day off per week, with no reduction in pay, experienced increased revenue alongside reduced absenteeism and resignation, while workers felt less stressed and burnt out with higher rates of life satisfaction.



39 FOUR-DAY WEEK IRELAND CAMPAIGN

Ireland is one of the leading proponents in the movement to promote the benefits of a four-day working week. Kevin Donoghue, Fórsa's Director of Campaigns and Chairperson of the 'Four Day Week Ireland' campaign updates 'Health & Safety Times' on recent developments.

43 CARING EMPLOYERS PROGRAMME

The Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform has announced a new partnership with the national charity Family Carers Ireland to provide a suite of practical supports and resources for those staff members who balance their workloads with caring responsibilities at home.



47 ACTION PLAN AGAINST RACISM

The implementation of the National Action Plan Against Racism 2023-2027 is being led by government departments, local authorities and agencies, while €1m in funding will be made available for both local and regional/national projects with a specific anti-racism focus.

49 ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) and business employers' group Ibec marked the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March) with a joint statement to stand against racism and to promote inclusive workplace.



51 FARM SAFETY

A new electrical safety video for Irish farmers has been developed by the Farm Safety Partnership Advisory Committee's Buildings & Working at Height Working Group that includes representatives from the ESB Networks, Health and Safety Authority, Teagasc, FBD Insurance, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and the construction industry.

52 HEALTH & NUTRITION

With 75% of people in Ireland planning to improve their diet and nutrition this year, almost half (46%) note that not having enough time is the main factor that makes it difficult to manage their weight and enjoy a balanced lifestyle, according to new research from Webdoctor.ie, Ireland's online GP service.



55 LONE WORKERS STUDY

A survey of over 1,300 lone workers and health and safety professionals, commissioned by the cloud-based monitoring service StaySafeApp.com revealed a low perception by employees of how seriously employers take lone worker safety.



56 LONG COVID SURVEY

A survey of more than 3,000 people living with Long Covid, who responded to a UK joint study by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and the Long Covid Support Employment Group, has found that 66% of participants reported being unfairly treated at work – up from 52% who responded to a similar survey in 2021.

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