

Health and safety hero wins award



Community activist Wayne Kidger – who has a bus named after him – scoops gong for life-saving work

A Nottingham health and safety hero has been given a prestigious gong for his life-saving work.

Wayne Kidger was handed the Mary Macarthur health and safety award in front of hundreds of people at GMB's annual Congress in Brighton yesterday.

Mr Kidger, 52, who works as a plaster for Nottingham City Homes, has done sterling work improving health and safety for his colleagues.



His work on asbestos safety has seen new procedures introduced in his work place and seen him meet and international delegation from Japan to discuss their approach.

And his 'personal crusade' has resulted in mental health first aiders being brought in by his employer.

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Dan Shears, GMB Health and Safety Director, said:

The Nottingham Forest fan is also chair of his regional health and safety forum and has had a Nottingham bus named after him for his community volunteering and football coaching work.

Wayne Kidger said:

"I was so pleased to pick up the award – it feels like recognition for the work me and my team have been doing.

"It's been a bit of a personal crusade really.

"Everyone deserves to go to work and feel safe – they should go home the same way they came in."



Dan Shears, GMB Health and Safety Director, said:

"Everyone at GMB is proud of Wayne for his outstanding efforts to keep his colleagues healthy and safe.

"We know that by identifying and tackling hazards before anyone is harmed, safety reps play a crucial role in avoiding accidents, injuries and ill-health, and Wayne is a shining example of the best way to engage employers to the best effect.

"Although he's too modest to say it, Wayne is fully deserving of this award. He stands as an inspiration to his colleagues at work, in our Midlands and East Coast Region, and across the whole of the GMB nationally."



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