



## CLC News Release

28.07.2021 **CLC backs largest safety stand down**

The Construction Leadership Council has thrown its support behind the UK's largest construction health & safety stand down.

The event, which takes place from 11-22 October this year, encourages businesses to temporarily down tools to participate in sessions aimed at improving the health, safety, and wellbeing of everyone working in the sector.

More than 400,000 people have taken part in Stop. Make a Change since it was launched in 2017.

At the heart of this year's Stop. Make a Change campaign will be a focus on the individual worker - and particularly those who have been affected by Covid-19. Workers will be encouraged to re-engage with their own health, safety and wellbeing and to ask themselves what needs to be changed, along with how they might go about making that change.

A series of 'Conversation Starter' kits will be used by all the workforce to discuss key concerns about what their job function requires of them, and how both the individual and their organisation can do to help address these concerns.

The event, which has been scheduled to align with World Mental Health Day (11 October) and European Week for Safety and Health (18-22 October), is also supported by Cancer Research UK and Mates in Mind to bring the most relevant and up-to-date information, guidance, and advice to you where possible.

CLC co-chair Andy Mitchell said: *"Our industry workforce is crucial to all of our future successes. We recognise the heroic efforts these workers have undertaken during the pandemic, and want to make sure that as the industry hopefully emerges from COVID-19, we continue to look after everyone's health, safety and wellbeing"*

### **Notes for editors**

Details about Stop. Make a Change can be found at [www.stopmakeachange.co.uk](http://www.stopmakeachange.co.uk)

### **About the Construction Leadership Council (CLC)**

The CLC's mission is to provide sector leadership to the construction industry. The expanded CLC has twelve workstreams that operate collaboratively to address the biggest issues facing the sector, focused on the Industry Recovery Plan. Workstreams include skills and inclusion, building safety and business models. The CLC is co-chaired by Ann-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister for Business and Industry, and Andy Mitchell CBE, CEO of Thames Tideway.