

Sunday 18th November is World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

With over 3,500 people killed and more than 150,000 injured every day on the world's roads, road death and injury represents a global disaster, which is however not receiving the serious attention warranted by its scale and cruel nature, hence the figures are predicted to grow further. **Everyone can be affected.**

Need for remembrance and public recognition

People bereaved and injured through a road crash, like other victims of violence and trauma, need public acknowledgement of their loss and suffering, which the observance of this World Remembrance Day offers.

The Day was initiated by RoadPeace 14 years ago and observed and promoted by the charity nationally and internationally, resulting in its adoption by the United Nations in October 2005 – as *'an appropriate acknowledgement for victims of road traffic crashes and their families'*.

Services, concerts and other events will mark the Day throughout the UK and worldwide, when millions of people who lost their lives on the road will be remembered and the devastation caused to families and communities highlighted. The emergency services and others affected or involved in the aftermath of these tragedies will also be remembered.

Some 30 remembrance services will be held UK-wide, with a multi-faith service in London at St James's Piccadilly. **Everyone is invited to attend these services.**

RoadPeace will also remind victims of other opportunities for recognition and tributes to loved ones offered by the charity - Internet memorials on the RoadPeace website, 'Remember Me' roadside memorials and Planting trees in the RoadPeace Wood.

For full details of all events on World Day, visit www.roadpeace.org , write to info@roadpeace.org or phone 020 8838 5102

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/activities/remembrance_day_handbook/en/