

Lobbying for Life - Behind the Global Ban on Asbestos

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As part of a growing number of global organisations who are [Lobbying for Life](#) on a total ban on the use of asbestos, the [National Asbestos Helpline](#) are proud to lend its support as part of the campaign to support Action Mesothelioma Day which took place on 6th July 2012.

Aimed at highlighting the scale at which **Mesothelioma** affects many people, Action Mesothelioma Day, along with the National Asbestos Helpline, has been supported by various other international groups, such as the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organisation, to boost awareness of Mesothelioma. As part of the push for a total ban on asbestos use, the National Asbestos Helpline have launched an online petition for those who have been affected by asbestos can lend their support for this initiative.

General Manager of the National Asbestos Helpline, Richard Clarke, said: "We must ban the use of this material; the NAH sees daily the affects asbestos disease can have on people's lives and for the diagnosed with rare asbestos-related cancer, Mesothelioma, the outcome is nearly always fatal. We are looking to reach over 1000 signatures, with photographs, of those who have used our services and who have obviously had their lives changed as a result of coming into contact with asbestos."

This support will then be transferred into a book for presentation to Linda Reinstain, of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organisation in America; to represent the true face of the disease to present to those who profiteer from the production, exportation and use of asbestos.

Richard Clarke also added: "Action Mesothelioma Day is the ideal vehicle on which we can bring wider attention to the dangers of this material as well as remember those we have lost to asbestos related diseases and raise valuable funds for those living with an asbestos-related condition. Employees of the NAH will be observing a minute's silence at 10am on Action Mesothelioma Day in memory of those globally who have lost their lives to the disease."

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