

International Workers' Day

International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day or _____, is celebrated every year on 1st May.

This day is a national holiday in more than 80 countries and is also celebrated unofficially in many other countries.

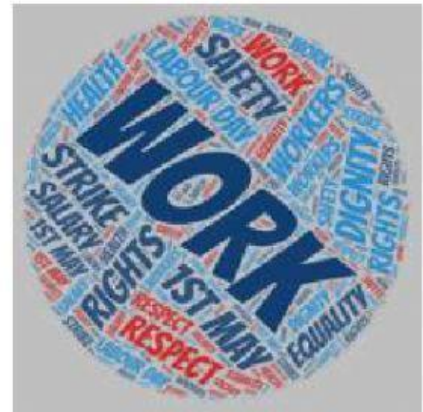
May Day originates from the United States labour union movement in the late _____, particularly the Eight-hour Day movement, which advocated _____ of work

per day. In the late nineteenth century, the working conditions were hard and unsafe. Working people had to work _____ per day.

In 1884 the FOLTU (Federation of Organized Trades and Labour Unions) which later became the American Federation of Labour, passed a resolution that "eight hours shall constitute a legal day's labour from and after 1st May, 1886". By 1886 around _____ workers were involved in the eight-hour Day movement.

On _____ several labour unions across the US _____, demanding a standard eight hours of workday. On 4th May there was bloodshed in Chicago's Haymarket, a bomb thrown by a revolutionist killed a dozen of people and injured over _____. Five years later, this day was recognized as a holiday by a socialist organization.

May Day is celebrated to pay tribute to the contributions that workers have given to make the world strong and _____. This day is dedicated to the workers for their achievements.



Complete the text with the words and phrases below:

12-16 hours	250,000	May Day	19 th century	prosperous
economic and social	went on strike	100 people	1 st May, 1886	eight hours