

## International Workers' Day

International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day or **May Day**, is celebrated every year on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

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

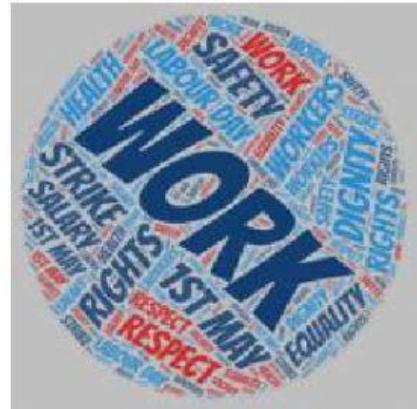
May Day originates from the United States labour union movement in the late 19th century, particularly the Eight-hour Day movement.

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

(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 of work for all men". By 1886 around 180,000 workers were involved.

On several labour unions across the US a standard eight hours of workday. On 4<sup>th</sup> May there was bloodshed thrown by a revolutionist killed a dozen of people and injured over 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.



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Complete the text with the words and phrases below:

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