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	19th century	prosperous
economic and social	went on strike	100 people	1st May, 1886	eight hours

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