

# Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition

1911  
ONE HUNDRED YEARS  
2011



## Who?

Remember the Triangle Fire Coalitions welcomes YOU!

## What?

We are organizing a city-wide centennial commemoration of the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire in March 2011.

## How?

We are inviting everyone to do what they do best:

The coalition supports :

- Innovative participatory activities
- New collaborations
- A permanent memorial

## Join the coalition!

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**What is the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire?** The Triangle Waist Company was located one block east of Washington Square Park. There were over 500 employees – most were young women, most were recent immigrants. March 25, 1911 a fire broke out on the 8th floor. The workers ran to the fire escape. It collapsed, dropping them to their death. On the 9th floor a critical exit was locked. People on the street watched as the workers began to jump out the windows. Fire trucks arrived but their ladders only reached the 6th floor. The elevators ran as long as they could, workers pressed into the cars, and tumbling down the elevator shaft. 146 people died. The fire galvanized a movement for change, inspiring a sense of social responsibility and decisive action. In concert with organizations and individuals across the city, the coalition is creating a living memorial to honor those lost and the fight for social justice for all.

## Participating Organizations (list in formation):

American Social History Project (CUNY), American Society of Safety Engineers, Archives and Public History Program at New York University, The Anthropologists, Art International Radio (AIR), Bowery Poetry Club, Calandra Institute for Italian American Studies (CUNY), Campo Films, Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò, City Reliquary Museum and Civic Organization, City Lore, Coalition of Labor Union Women, Concentration in Fashion Studies, The Graduate Center (CUNY), Department of Romance Languages at Hunter College (CUNY), Education & Labor Collaborative (Adelphi), Feminist Press at CUNY, Franklin Furnace, Gotham Center for New York City History (CUNY), Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, HBO Documentary Films, I-Italy, Joseph S. Murphy Center for Labor Community & Policy Studies, Labor Studies (Hofstra), Levys Unique New York! NY's First Family of Tour Guides, Lower East Side History Project, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, MALIA Collective of Italian American Women, Metropolitan Klezmer, Mud/Bone, Museum at Eldridge Street, New York City Fire Museum, New York Fire Sprinkler Contractor's Association, New York University, NIAF (National Italian American Foundation), Street Pictures, Street Cry Productions, Women and Gender Studies Program at Hunter College (CUNY), Women's Studies (Hofstra), Workers United, Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring

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