

DRAFT PROGRAMME

PLEASE NOTE – ALL SPEAKERS/ CONTRIBUTORS TO BE CONFIRMED

MONDAY 6 JULY

Morning: Arrivals & Registration

11:00 – 12:30 Pre-School Briefing

A Starter Kit for International Trade Unionists

A brief guided tour around the political and organisational landscape of the movement - for participants new to international trade union discussions.

Dave Spooner

Global Labour Institute (GLI), Manchester

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1.30 Welcome

Jill Westerman, Principal, Northern College
Representative of UK Steering Committee

1:45 Introduction to the 2014 Summer School

Background to the school, key themes, key issues.

Dave Spooner, GLI Manchester

Introduction to the *Summer School Commission* (open to all young participants) and reflections on 2014

Summer School Commission participants
Kat Dyer, PCS, UK & **Jess Whelligan**, GLI
Manchester

Introduction to the Online International Summer School.

Walton Pantland, Union Solidarity International

SESSION 1: THE BIG PICTURE

2:30 – 3:30 Plenary Presentation

Capitalism, Anti-Capitalism and the Trade Union Movement

Asbjørn Wahl, Fagforbundet (Norwegian Union of
Municipal & General Employees)

3:30 Discussion Groups

4:30 – 5.30 Plenary

6:00 – 7:00 Evening Meal

Evening

*The Anarchist Tour of
Wentworth Castle*

By popular demand, the International Summer School political tourism event: a walk in and around Wentworth Castle conducted by Northern College tutor, raconteur and anarchist wit - Steve Jones.

TUESDAY 7 JULY

SESSION 2: THE POLITICS OF ORGANISING

Building the trade union movement from below

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| 9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Panel Discussion The Fall & Rise of Labour? – How are unions organising in the post-2008 world of globalised capitalism? | Varied (sector, workforce, country) stories of how unions are developing new organising methods that have had real success. Panellists to be confirmed. |
| 10:30 – 11:45 Discussion Groups (and coffee) | |
| 11:45 – 12:30 Plenary: Key Trends in Trade Union Organisation – What is the big picture of the state of union organisation worldwide? What are the key trends? | Participants |
| 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch | |
| 1:30 Plenary Discussion: <i>The Politics of Organising</i> - What do we mean by “organising”? Education and organising methods in the international labour movement | Introduction by Dave Spooner , GLI Manchester |
| 2:15 Discussion Groups: <i>The Experience of Organising</i> – how are we using education and organising in rebuilding unions from below | Led by participants |
| 3:45 – 5:30 Debate <i>Organising Informal Workers</i> Panel debate between organisers of informal workers, led by questions from the floor. | Ume Laila Azhar , HomeNet Pakistan Myrtle Witbooi , International Domestic Workers Federation Nishi Kapahi , ITF Asia/Pacific Women Co-ordinator Thierry Schaffhauser , Syndicat du Travail Sexuel (STRASS) |
| 6:00 – 7:00 Evening Meal | |
| Evening FILM: <i>This Changes Everything</i> Film screening followed by discussion | Feature documentary directed by Avi Lewis (<i>The Take</i>), inspired by the book by Naomi Klein. Followed by Q&A session with Naomi Klein (by video conference) |

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY

SESSION 3: GLOBAL UNIONS – GLOBAL POLITICS

The politics of the international labour movement, its institutions and its organisations.

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| 9:00 – 10:00 Plenary: <i>Taking on the Corporations</i> International trade union strategies for tackling TNCs, how we win and what next when we do? | Ron Oswald , International Union of Foodworkers (IUF) |
| 10:00 – 11:30 Discussion Groups | |
| 11:30 – 12:30 Plenary: <i>Trade Agreements</i> What are the challenges raised by TTIP and TISA etc? What are the underlying political issues for the union movement? What are our alternatives? | John Hilary , War on Want Rosa Pavanelli , Public Services International (PSI) |
| 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch | |
| 1:30 – 2:30 Discussion Groups <i>Union-Party Relationships: Stay together for the sake of the children or get a divorce?</i> | <i>Should unions align themselves with political parties?</i> |
| 2:30 – 3:30 Plenary Panel Discussion: | Manuel Cortes , Transport Salaried Staffs Association (TSSA) Heinz Bierbaum , Die Linke Crystal Dicks , National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) Fatima Queipo , CC.OO, Spain. |
| 3:30 - 4:30 Plenary Discussion <i>Unions & Climate Change</i> | Sean Sweeney , Trade Unions for Energy Democracy Klaus Dörre , Friedrich Schiller University Maite Llanos , Central de Trabajadores de la Argentina, (CTA) Chris Baugh , PCS, UK |
| 4:30 – 5:30 Discussion Groups | |
| 6:00 – 7:00 Evening Meal | |
| Evening | |

THURSDAY 9 JULY

SESSION 4: OUR COMMON PURPOSE?

Prospects for the political agenda of the international trade union movement

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| 9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Discussion: Do we speak the same political language? What do unions mean by <i>Socialism?</i> , <i>Feminism?</i> or <i>Syndicalism?</i> How are unions developing the politics of the left? | Rodel Abenoja , SENTRO, Philippines Nishi Kapahi , International Transportworkers Federation (ITF) Stephanie Luce , Murphy Institute for Worker Education, City University of New York Derek Keenan , Strathclyde University |
| 11:00 – 12:30 Discussion Groups | |
| 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch | |
| 1:30 – 3:00 Plenary Discussion: <i>What should be the political vision and strategy of the international trade union movement?</i> | Ron Oswald , International Union of Foodworkers (IUF) Rosa Pavanelli , Public Services International (PSI) Ambet Yuson , Building & Woodworkers International (BWI) Steve Cotton , International Transportworkers Federation (ITF) Philip Jennings /Christy Hoffman , Union Network International (UNI) |
| 3:00 – 4:00 Discussion Groups | |
| 4:00– 5:30 Plenary Activity Key questions facing international trade union organisations | Plenary Discussion |
| 6:00 – 7:00 Evening Meal | |
| Evening | PARTY! |

FRIDAY 10 JULY

SESSION 5: DEBATING THE FUTURE

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| 10:00 – 11:30 “Question Time” discussion led by the Summer School Commission. | Sharan Burrow , International Trade Union Confederation (by video link) |
| 11:30 Reflections on the week and next steps | |
| 12:30 Lunch + Departure | |