



GLOBAL LABOUR INSTITUTE SCHOOL 2023

Young union leaders reimagining international trade unionism

27-29 November 2023

Bergerie de Villarceaux (Paris, France)

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For three days, a hundred of young trade unionists from 30 different countries, as well as researchers and progressive activists, will come together to share and analyze their experiences, their stories of struggle, victories and union organization tactics. This School is a unique opportunity for international political “co-training” via alternating plenary sessions and workshops, with the goal of strengthening the next generation of organizers.

“ An incredible week ! It's a brilliant tool, it really opened my eyes and given me a wider appreciation of trade unions around the world. I think it's invaluable for all trade union delegates ! ”

Sarah Woolley, Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union, UK

WHO ? The Global Labour Institute (GLI) is an international network of trade unionists. It aims to focus the international Labour movement on its original purpose: : to be the engine of radical social transformation. GLI has been organizing international Labor Universities since 2012, offering a space for trade unionists from around the world to come together to explore the crucial issues facing the international trade union movement. It has branches in France, Britain, Russia, Switzerland and the USA.

WHY ? Neoliberal capitalism poses an existential threat to the international trade union movement's values: cooperation, democracy, justice and equality. Only ambitious internationalist policies will give the trade union movement the ability to act transnationally to halt the rise of authoritarianism, to fight climate change, to protect workers' rights, to stop the forces which drive most vulnerable from their homes. But increasing cooperation between unions in different countries is not enough: the Labour movement needs to grow, to foster the emergence of a new generation of union activists from among those who have experienced only economic crisis, austerity policies and climate disaster, all in a context of a global pandemic.

- How can young workers find their place and reinforce unions?
- What can we learn from our experiences of union organizing?
- How should the international trade union movement respond to the rise of authoritarianism?
- How can we strengthen feminist demands in the international trade union movement?
- What should the international trade union movement's common agenda be in the face of climate change?

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS



MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER

9 am Bus departure - Cergy -Le-Haut station

10 - 11am Reception

11 - 11.30 am Welcoming words
Plenary room GLI Paris & GLI Manchester

Introductory plenary session

11.30 - 12.30am What are the key political issues facing the international trade union movement?
Plenary room
ReAct Transnational Amazon Workers International

CHALLENGES IN ORGANISING

Thematic plenary session

2 - 2.45 pm Overview and history of trade union organising approaches and methods
Plenary room
GLI Paris United Auto Workers - USA

2.45 - 4.15 pm : Workshops

Organising in supply chains

Union O2E of seasonal workers in the sugar cane industry - Cameroon CNE-CSC - Belgium
Dan Gallin room [FR]

Organising white collar workers and graduates

CFE-CGC - France INBOC - India
Plenary room [FR/EN] National Education Union - UK

Organising workers in the informal economy

International Alliance of Recyclers UNITED Federation of Domestic Workers - Philippines
Rosa Luxembourg room [EN]
International Alliance of Street Vendors WIEGO

4.45 - 6.15 pm Round table: Organizing beyond the workplace

Plenary room Living Rent - Scotland
OnEstEnsemble - Cameroon Union Etudiante - France

8.30 pm *Dan Gallin room* Screening film "Sorry to bother you"

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

TRADE UNIONISM AND YOUTH

Thematic plenary session

9 - 9.30 am We are the trade unionism of tomorrow
Plenary room
Union Syndicale Etudiante - Belgium Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union - Uganda

9.30 - 11 am : Workshops

Organising young self-employed

Anne Dufresne, GRESEA - Belgium United Taxi Workers of San Diego - USA
Plenary room [FR/EN]

What role for young leaders in trade unions?

CGT - France UNIA - Switzerland
Rosa Luxembourg room [FR]

Taking account of young trade unionists's new aspirations

Karel Yon, CNRS - France McDroits Collective - France
Dan Gallin room [FR] ADDEC - Cameroon

TRADE UNIONISM AND AUTHORITARIANISM

Thematic plenary session

11.15 - 12 am How can the international trade union movement respond to the war?
University Solidarity - Russia *Plenary room* PSI - Ukraine
PGTFU - Palestine Koach LaOvdim - Israël

2.30 - 4 pm : Workshops

Organising migrant workers in the face of raising xenophobia

WAC-MAAN Israel / Palestine Construction, Metal and Employees Union - Mauritius
Plenary room [FR/EN] AMELIOR - France

How to deal with trade union repression?

Hong Kong Labour Right Monitor Labour Education Foundation - Pakistan
Dan Gallin room [EN] PROFBUD - Ukraine

The fight for trade union freedom in authoritarian countries

National Trade Union Confederation of Moldova Socialist Solidarity with Workers in Iran
Rosa Luxembourg room [FR]
University Solidarity - Russia OnEstEnsemble - Cameroon

4.30 - 6pm Round table: Strengthening feminist demands in trade unions

Women's Intersyndicale - France UNIA - Switzerland
Plenary room Autonomous Trade Union Confederation - Senegal

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

TRADE UNIONISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Thematic plenary session

9 - 9.30 am How can we meet the challenges of climate change?
CGT International Trade Unions for Energy and Democracy - Senegal
Plenary room

9.30 - 11 am : Workshops

Towards an ecologically sustainable transport system

Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union - Uganda Belgian Union of Transport Workers
Dan Gallin room [EN]

From chemical agriculture to an agro-ecological model

Global Labour Justice - Honduras Union O2E of SOSUCAM's dwellers - Cameroon
Plenary room [FR/EN] Confédération Paysanne - France

Transition in the energy and heavy industry sector

Amazon Employees for Climate Justice Trade Unions for Energy and Democracy - Senegal
Rosa Luxembourg [FR/EN]

11 - 12 pm Round table: What alliances between the trade union and the environmental movement?

Plenary room Labour Education Foundation - Pakistan
Africa Institute for Energy Governance - Uganda Ecological and Social Alliance - France

Closing plenary

2 - 3pm

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And also, throughout the School :

- A trade union bookshop
- A photo exhibition
- A concert
- International testimonials via video

