

ICTU GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUMMER SCHOOL

Armagh 24/25th August 2023



Day One

- 12:00** Light lunch with Delegate Registration
- 12.30** Welcome Address (Craigavon Trades Council Representative)
- 12.35** Opening Address by ICTU President Justin McCamphill
- 12.50** Introduction to ICTU Global Solidarity Summer School Programme 2023
ICTU Global Solidarity Committee Chairs: Yvonne O'Callaghan (SIPTU),
Dooley Harte (Craigavon TC)

13.00-14.30 **Session 1** **The Global Fight Against Anti-Union Repression**

This session will examine the current challenges that trade unions across the world are facing from governments who seek to repress their members and organizations. Governments are continuing at an alarming rate to repress citizens who try to exercise their basic civil and political rights, including union members and leaders. As part of the increasing repression of all forms of democratic activity, independent trade unionists are relentlessly harassed, arrested, prosecuted and imprisoned. This session will hear from trade union struggles around the world and discuss what global solidarity action is required in combating growing anti-union repression.

Suggest speakers:

- Loredana Carta - ITUC on Global Rights Index **online**
- Eyup Ozer, International Secretary at DiSK birleşik Metal İş (United Metalworkers' Union) Turkey **online**
- UGTT (Tunisia) TBC
- Lizaveta Merliak, Association Solidarnast e.V. Chairperson, Belarus (**online**)
- Khaing Zar Aung - CTUM – Myanmar

14.30-14.45 **Coffee Break**

14.45-16.30 **Session 2** **Campaigning in Solidarity with Palestine**

Speakers:

- Presentation from the High-Level Delegation to Palestine – Gerry Murphy, Patricia McKeown, and Kevin Callinan

- Representative from the Irish Anti-Apartheid Campaign - Eamonn Meehan, Sadaka

16.30 – 17.30 Global Solidarity Workshops

Participants will be given the opportunity to choose from a variety of workshops to gain both knowledge and information on trade union action on a number of global solidarity issues which they can bring into their own union's global solidarity work.

3 Workshops:

1. Fair Trade - Peter Gaynor and Aidan Ring (online)
2. Trade Union Action on Eradicating Child Labour - Organised and Chaired by Moira Leydon
3. Kurdistan – Reimar Heider

19.30 Global Solidarity Dinner. The dinner will take place in the Hotel.

Day Two Friday

09.30-11.00 Session 3: Taking Action to Resist the Far Right

Introductory remarks – Owen Reidy, General Secretary

- Mark Malone - Hope and Courage Collective
- Dr. Joe Mulhall - Hope not Hate
- Ciaran O'Connor - Institute for Strategic Dialogue
- Chaja Charlotte Boebel, IG Metall,- **online** Germany

11:00-11.15 Coffee and Checkout

11.15 Campaign Workshops on Taking Action to Resist the Far Right. The outcome of the sessions will be used within the campaign group within ICTU in implementing the Congress Action Plan.

3 Workshops:

1. Fair deal for migrants / Fighting for Anti-Racist Workplaces -Kevin Doherty, NICICTU
2. Working with Allies against Far-right Ideas – Hope and Courage Collective
3. Supporting the Community Response – Belfast city of Sanctuary, Israel Eguaoogie

12:00 – 13:00 Final Session Round up

13:00 Sandwiches and Departure