



Global Crisis - Global Solidarity
LabourStart Conference, May 23-25, 2014, Berlin

International Meeting of Trade Unionists in May 2014, Berlin

On May 23-25, 2014, the next LabourStart Global Solidarity Conference with the theme "Global Crisis – Global Solidarity" will take place in Berlin. It is organized in cooperation with various German and international trade unions and organisations close to them.

This conference will provide a forum where trade union activists from different countries can meet and discuss the most important issues facing the international labour movement. The long range goal of the conferences, and of LabourStart itself, is to strengthen international working-class solidarity. Face-to-face meetings play an important role in this.

Programme:

There will be a mixture of plenaries and workshops – they are being planned with the participation of those who have registered to attend. An important theme of the conference will be the **neoliberal attacks** we are faced with in the current **European and global crisis**. We will discuss current disputes as well as looking at debates on **organizing** and **campaigning** and the fight for **global industrial relations**. Supporting labour movements in countries with **authoritarian regimes**, the fight for workers' rights in **transnational companies**, and also in rather marginalized sectors such as **domestic work**, as well as **culture** and **media** in the labour movement – all these are topics at the conference. An important discussion will take place around **digital communication** – how do social movements use it, which positive effects, but also which dangers does it entail? How can spontaneously emerging, digitally mobilized movements be transformed into long term organization for social change? What do the NSA scandal and union busting through digital spying mean for how we use digital data?

In the end, the conference will succeed because of you, its participants – your ideas and contributions. On the website, you can find the current state of the preliminary agenda.

Organisation:

Any trade unionist is welcome to attend. Participation in the conference is free of charge. Participants are however expected to pay for their own travel cost and accommodation.

Information on finding affordable accommodation is on the conference website. Conference languages are German and English. In case of strong demand and depending on our resources, we will organize interpretation into other languages.

For those who need a visa – please note this when registering for the conference. We will do our best to support your visa process and will get in contact with you as soon as possible after receiving your registration.

More information about LabourStart:

<http://www.labourstart.org>

Conference Venue:

The conference will take place at the federal headquarters of ver.di, Germany's biggest union for workers in services.

ver.di Bundesverwaltung

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Register now!

You can find further information and the registration form here: <http://www.labourstart.org/2014>

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