



**LabourStart**

**Global Solidarity Conference**

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**Workshops (in alphabetical order)**

**Belarus: The struggle for trade union rights.**

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BKDP, Association Solidarnast and Rabochy Rukh, Vadim Borisov (IndustriALL)

Perspectives of the struggle for Belarus workers' rights. International and local tools to challenge the dictatorship.

### **Central Asia: 12 years after Zhanaozen**

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Kuspan Koshegulov, Larisa Kharkova, Elmira, Kirill Buketov, Ivan Milykh

General trends in the Central Asian countries with respect to workers' rights. Oil workers struggle in Kazakhstan

Kyrgyz unions campaign in defense of the union's independence.

Uzbekistan's perspectives for trade union freedoms

### **Fighting for Democracy: Turkey, Georgia, Israel**

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Peter Lerner, Histadrut

Irakli Petriashvili, GTUC

Tamar Surmava, GTUC

Recent and current struggles in which trade unions play a key role in defending basic democratic rights. How those struggles developed and why and how trade unions fully engaged in them.

### **Finland: Citizen journalists and the labour movement**

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Heikki Jokinen, journalist, editor of Trade Union News from Finland

### **ILO: Future of work: What strategies for trade union revitalization?**

After decades of decline of unionization around the world, and in the context of polycrisis due to geopolitical tensions, armed conflicts, climate change and natural disasters, energy, food and financial crises; is trade union revitalization possible ? Panellist will expose strategies and recommendations for building strong, representative and resilient workers' organizations.

Mamadou Kaba SQUARE, Coordinator of the International Journal of Labour Research, Head of Communications and Publications, ILO's Bureau for Workers'Activities (ACTRAV).

### **Iran: Workers Under Pressure - Harassment and Persecution of Labour Right Activists**

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### **Israel/Palestine: Presentation of Histadrut's project for Palestinian workers (with DGB and LO Sweden)**

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### **Online campaigning and digital mobilisation**

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Learn some of the strategies, tactics and tools you can use for successful digital organising. We'll look at web publishing social media and conversational channels and provide guidance on digital security. Eugene Flynn has worked on digital strategy for campaigns such as Cabin Crew United and Right2Water in Ireland and has trained labour rights activists from over 65 countries.

### **Organising for Gender Equality**

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### **Organising Palestinian workers in the Israeli labour market**

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### **Rethinking Workers' Education, Reloading Workers Politics. Introducing O4P, Global Labour Institute and Global Labour University**

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Education is essential in building organized workers' movement, but the bureaucratic approach to education dreadfully impacts it. What values and principles must be placed in the basis of the education which can advance the working class in the fight against oppression.

Organising for Power Online Course

Introduction of the new programs of the GLI and GLU.

## **Sports and Labour Rights Campaigns**

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Genevieve Kalina, Kirill Buketov

Experience in targeting big sport events and organisations to defend workers rights.

## **Ukraine: International Labour Solidarity: What Works?**

Languages: RU/EN/GE

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Moderator: Tristan Masat, Country Director, Ukraine, Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO

Panel:

Olesia Briazgunova, International Director & Youth Coordinator, Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine;

Ivanna Khrapko, Head of the Youth Committee of the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine, Coordinator of Trade Union Life Line, union-led humanitarian relief;

Inna Kudinska, Activist & Lawyer with Labor Initiatives NGO, Kyiv and Donetsk

Since the escalation of the war in Ukraine in 2022, national union centers have been speaking with one voice internationally in an effort to inform partners globally about the situation on the ground as well as to build shared solidarity with Ukrainians. Of particular critical importance has been the efforts of young activists who joined grassroots relief initiatives and spread the word about the true nature and impact of the war on workers. The panel discussion will give an overview of union-community humanitarian work amid the war and identify the strong and weak points of international solidarity efforts with the union movement in Ukraine and national and international allies.

## **Ukraine: The European Network for Solidarity with Ukraine**

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### **Western Balkans: The State of Labour Rights**

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Steven McCloud, Solidarity Centre (Albania) + rep from North Macedonia

### **What is LabourStart? An introduction to the news and campaigning website of the international trade union movement**

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Eric Lee and Espen Løken

Birute (Lithuania), Izabella (Poland), Kuspan (Kazakhstan), Giorgi (Georgia), Liza (Belarus)

History and the perspectives of Labourstart.

Include the experience of on-line campaigns

### **Workers' Struggles in Iran**

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