

# International Summer School

## 8-12 July 2013

Northern College, UK

### PROVISIONAL SUMMARY PROGRAMME

<b>Monday 8 July</b>	
Morning: <b>Arrivals &amp; Registration</b>	
9:30 – 12:30 <b>Pre-School Briefing</b> <i>A Starter Kit for International Trade Unionists</i> A brief guided tour around the political and organisational landscape of the movement – for participants new to international trade union discussions	
Afternoon	
1.30 <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
1:45 <b>Introduction to the 2013 International Summer School</b> Background to the school, key themes, key issues	
Introduction to the <b>Summer School Commission</b> and reflections on 2012	
<b>Session 1: The Big Picture</b>	
2:30 Plenary Presentation: <b><i>The new capitalism – financialisation, the banks and the state</i></b> The key forces at work in modern corporate capitalism, and the background to the current financial and political crises.	
3:30 Discussion Groups:	
4:30 – 5.30 Plenary: Reflections on discussions from group leaders	
Evening	<b><i>The World-Famous Anarchist Tour of Wentworth Castle</i></b> By popular demand, the return of the 2012 school's smash-hit political tourism event: a walk in and around Wentworth Castle (home of Northern College) conducted by trade union tutor, raconteur and anarchist wit - Steve Jones.

<b>Tuesday 9 July</b>	
Morning	
<b>Session 2: Global Unions – Global Politics</b>	
The second session is concerned with the politics of the international trade union movement, its institutions and its organisations.	
9:00 – 10.00 Plenary:	
<b><i>The Political Challenge for the International Trade Union Organisations</i></b>	
10:00 – 11.15 Discussion Groups	
<i>The European Challenge</i>	
<i>The Climate Challenge</i>	
<i>The New Media Challenge</i>	
11:30 – 12.30 Plenary:	
<b>The Anti-Capitalist Challenge</b>	
Perspectives from Greece and Spain	
Afternoon	
1:30 – 2.30 Plenary Discussion:	
<b><i>The Public Services Challenge</i></b>	
2:30 – 3.45 Discussion Groups	
4:00 – 5.00 Plenary:	
Evening	<b><i>The Football International: A Global Union Federation?</i></b> The politics of world football, exploitation and workers' rights.
<b>Wednesday 10 July</b>	
Morning:	
<b>Session 3: The Politics of Organising</b>	
<i>Renewing the trade union movement from below</i>	
9:00 – 10.00 Plenary:	
<i>The Fall &amp; Rise of Labour? – new trends in trade unionism. What will the international labour movement look like in 2020?</i>	
10:00 – 12.30 Discussion Groups:	
<i>Precarious &amp; Informal Work</i>	

<i>The Long March of Chinese Workers</i>	
<i>Rank and File Internationalism</i>	
Afternoon:	
1:30 Plenary Presentation: <b>Politics, Organisation and Education:</b> <i>The ideology of education and organising in the international labour movement</i>	
2:30 Discussion Groups: <b>The Experience of Organising</b>	
3:45 – 5:00 Plenary Discussion	
Evening <b>Social evening in Barnsley with local trade union activists</b>	
<b>Thursday 11 July</b>	
Morning:	
<b>Session 4: Our Common Purpose</b> <b>Do we share the same perception of the world?</b>	
9:00 – 10.00 Plenary Presentations:	
10:00 Discussion Groups:	
<i>What does “socialism” mean to us?</i>	
<i>What does “internationalism” mean to us?</i>	
<i>What can we learn from syndicalism?</i>	
11:30 – 12:30 Plenary Discussion	
Afternoon:	
Chair:	
1:30 Plenary introduction, followed by discussion groups: <b>Prospects for the political agenda of the international trade union movement</b> If there was to be a new coherent political agenda for the international trade union movement, what would be the core elements? Is there a real prospect of a radical change in direction?	
3:45 – 5:00 Plenary Discussion:	
Evening	<b>PARTY!</b>

<b>Friday 12 July</b>	
Morning:	
<b>Session 5: Conclusions and Next Steps</b>	
9:00 Plenary: Summer School Commission proposals for international trade union policy and action	GLI Summer School Commission
<b><i>If not now, when? If not us, who? If not here, where?</i></b> Reflections on the week	
Afternoon: <b>Departure</b>	

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