

# GLI WEEKEND COURSES 2015

## A SERIES OF THREE WEEKEND COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNIONISM.

NORTHERN COLLEGE

### AN INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT

**27-29 March 2015**

An exploration of the political, historical and organisational landscape of international trade unionism.

As more and more union representatives face international employers, or work within globally integrated industries, engagement and cooperation with global union federations and unions in other countries becomes a growing necessity. This course offers an insight into the world of the international trade union movement, examining its history, structures, priorities and contemporary political debates, as well as practical ideas on becoming actively involved.

Sessions will include: • **A Starter Kit for International Trade Unionists** A brief guided tour around the political and organisational landscape of the movement. • **Austerity, global crises and corporate greed** what's going on? • **Key issues and key debates.** Do we face the same challenges? • **Do we talk the same political language?** Do we have a common worldwide agenda? • **How do we get involved?** Practical steps

**Deadline for applications: 27 February 2015**

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANISING

**24-26 April 2015**

More and more unions around the world look beyond their own national borders to organise. How do we tackle the global corporations? What organising approaches and tactics work best? What does real solidarity mean in an industrial context? This course will use recent and current case studies of international organising in transnational companies or global supply chains to analyse and discuss success and failure to build truly effective union power.

Sessions will include: • **Fighting precarious work** the worldwide fight against casual jobs • **Strategic global organising** building worldwide power • **Organising migrant workers** unions without borders? • **Europe and the world** Europe and the world - is the European social dialogue model out of step? • **From workplace to world** how to build international organisation

**Deadline for applications: 26 March 2015**

### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES FOR TRADE UNION RENEWAL

**5-7 June 2015**

Over the last few decades, many trade unions all over the world have experienced decline in membership and political influence. But many others are fighting back with new ways of organising, a new generation of activists, and a rediscovery of trade unionism as a radical social force. What can we learn from one another?

Sessions will include: • **What will the international trade union movement look like in 20 years from now?** • **A rising tide in Asia?** Young Asian workers are challenging old trade union models • **Is the future feminist?** How women are changing the face of trade unionism. • **Precarious and Informal Workers** they are becoming organised. How? What are the implications? • **Trade unions and social movements** – do we share the same values? • **What are our politics?** Does the international union movement have its own political agenda?

**Deadline for applications: 8 May 2015**

The Global Labour Institute is offering three weekend courses in 2015, open to trade union activists, staff and others interested in the international dimension to trade unionism. Each course may be taken alone, or participants may wish to attend all three. Every course involves top-line contributors and discussion leaders from around the world.

- **Who are the courses for?** GLI weekend courses are open to trade union activists and others interested in the international dimension to trade unionism. No educational qualifications needed, although some prior experience of trade union education would be helpful. Each course is based on discussion, group work, and practical exercises.

**Young activists are particularly encouraged to apply, and GLI strives to have a 50:50 gender balance on all courses.**

- **Where?** All three courses are held at **Northern College, Barnsley**, set in 36 acres of magnificent grounds and gardens, and housed in a seventeenth century former mansion.
- **How much?** £190.00 per person per course

Fees include Friday-Sunday en-suite accommodation at Northern College with all meals provided, but do not include travel costs.

- **How to register?**

Application forms are available at [www.global-labour.net/weekend](http://www.global-labour.net/weekend) or by email to [gli-uk@global-labour.net](mailto:gli-uk@global-labour.net).

Please note that places on all courses are limited, so you are advised to register early. Courses are subject to change in the event of insufficient registrations.

Further information from [gli-uk@global-labour.net](mailto:gli-uk@global-labour.net) or phone +44 (0)161 835 9103.

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## GLI INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

For those interested in a more in-depth opportunity for discussion and debate on what are, and what should be, the politics of the international trade union movement, perhaps you should consider attending the annual GLI International Summer School, to be held at Northern College on **6-10 July 2015**. See [www.global-labour.net/iss15](http://www.global-labour.net/iss15) for further details. Participation in one or more of the weekend courses would be a useful preparation for union activists relatively new to international work.

