

WEA PROGRAMME OF STUDY ON THE ILO & INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNIONISM



A unique educational opportunity for trade union and community activists

Who can participate?

Trade union activists, full time officers, workers' rights activists, Development NGO staff, and activists at local and national levels working in the area of human rights and particularly rights for workers.



Who decides who attends?

Trade unions and NGOs should decide their own way to ensure the best value for the individual and their organisation. In the past some unions have used an essay competition, some have used a letter giving reasons for wanting to be considered. Whichever way you decide, it should comply with your Equality and Diversity policy and ensure equality of gender and race.

What does it cover?

The aims of the programme are to provide an opportunity for participants to:
Develop their understanding of

- the structures and activities of the International Labour Office
- Investigate international issues as they affect trade unions/communities

As well as

- Researching an area of interest within the ILO actions and developing action plans for taking their learning back into their union or NGO activity



By the end of the programme participants will be able to:

- Describe some of the impacts of globalisation on the interests of workers and their communities
- Identify the ways in which increasing globalisation impacts on their own industry / workplace /community
- Suggest ways in which trade unions can respond to the impact of globalisation in local, national and international context
- Understand how the ILO relates to their position as Trade Union Members and active citizens
- Understand the importance of building partnership between trade unions and NGOs in campaigning



There is also a half day visit to a Global Union Federation or other relevant UN organisation based in Geneva.



When is it?

Dates: pre-course meeting 7th April in London and from 4th – 12th May 2005 in Geneva. This includes a weekend partly to keep the cost down but also to allow participants to experience Geneva and to meet informally to discuss their studies.

How much does it cost?

Fees: Approximately £900-£1250 To cover bed, breakfast and evening meal at a central Geneva Hotel, (flights - see booking form) , 2 WEA trainers, 5 days working at the ILO and administration costs

Who pays?

The trade union or NGO should cover the costs of the participants and the fees for the programme.

