

Who should attend

The conference will be of great interest to trade unionists, employment lawyers, academics and students.

How to book

To reserve your place, complete the form below and send your cheque, made payable to IER, to Institute of Employment Rights, 4th Floor, Jack Jones House, 1 Islington, Liverpool, L3 8EG, or book online at www.ier.org.uk/events or email carolyns@ier.org.uk

CPD, NPP and EPP accreditation

This conference counts for credit hours under the Law Society's Continuing Development Scheme and the General Council of the Bar's New Practitioners' Programme and Established Practitioners' Programme.

Additional Information

Details of nearby hotels are available from the office. Name changes are accepted up until the time of the event. Delegates who advise IER of their cancellation more than 15 working days in advance will receive a credit note with 10% deduction for administration.

How to get there

Train: Lime St Station (British Rail) and Central Station (Merseyrail) are a five minute walk away. Bus: 500 from Liverpool John Lennon Airport to City Centre.

Cost

IER subscribers and members £75.00

Trade unions £90.00

Commercial £220.00

The cost of the conference does not include lunch.

Booking form

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What Now For Trade Unions?



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About the conference

This conference offers an opportunity for trade unionists to consider two things: where we are now, and where we want to be.

With collective bargaining coverage falling, and the gap between the richest and the poorest growing, anti trade union laws continue to restrain trade union activity, while weaknesses in our recognition procedures deny trade unions a voice at work.

As public sector budgets are slashed and a brutal programme of redundancies begins, we want to look at some of the emerging issues. These include:

- ways in which trade unions can challenge the UK's anti union laws;
- whistle-blowing in the public interest and what can be done to protect workers;
- the equalities agenda in the light of diminishing budgets;
- victimisation in the context of public sector redundancies;
- a new private member's bill that aims to close the legal loop holes that allow employers to challenge trade union ballots;
- and, most importantly, where we go now to ensure we gain the best protection for workers' rights.

This event brings together a superb range of top class speakers from the worlds of academia, politics, and the trade union movement. For anyone in the North West and beyond with an interest in the future of collective labour law and workers' rights – this is one not to miss!

Programme

9:45	Registration
10:00	Welcome from Chair, Carolyn Jones, IER
10:10	North West: The Region – The Issues <i>Steve Farley, Chair, North West TUC</i>
10:30	Transport: A sector on the move <i>Robert Monks, URTU</i>
10.50	Q&A
11:00	BREAK
11.20	Challenging the UK's anti-union laws <i>Professor Keith Ewing, President of IER</i>
11.50	Protecting jobs and services in the public sector <i>Jane Carolan, Chair, UNISON NEC Policy & Campaigns Committee</i>
12:10	Anti trade union laws – where do we go now? <i>Bob Crow RMT</i>
12.20	Q&A
12.30	LUNCH
1:30	Legal Industrial Action (Minor Errors) Bill <i>John McDonnell MP</i>
1:50	Whistle Blowing: Protecting people who uncover bad practice <i>Catherine Hobby, University of East London</i>
2:10	Q&A
2.20	A view on the equalities agenda
2:40	Victimisation and public sector cuts <i>Chris Baugh PCS</i>
3:00	Questions and Discussion
3:30	CLOSE