

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 4.5 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

Please reserve ___ places at the Workplace Issues Liverpool Conference at £___ each

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Workplace issues: learning from the front line

A one day conference
Wednesday 27th March 2013,
9.30am to 3.45pm
Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool

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Employment Rights

About the conference

For our second Workplace Issues conference in Liverpool, the Institute has invited a range of experts and practitioners to take a look at some of the most common and current issues affecting workplaces. The impact of the ConDem government's austerity cuts are far reaching and deeply damaging and workers are facing increasingly difficult times as collective and individual rights are eroded in the mistaken belief that undermining employment rights will bring economic growth. Latest issues being considered include proposals to change collective redundancy consultation, scrap national pay bargaining agreements and make it easier for employers to change contract terms and conditions.

For this conference, in addition to a new location, we are trialling a slightly different format in response to feedback from delegates. In the morning, expert speakers will give presentations that review and analyse current legislation, case law and practice. In the afternoon, delegates will be able to choose one of three practitioner-led workshops. Here, delegates will be able to debate issues, share their own experiences and discuss strategies between different trade unions and different industry sectors.

Experts will guide you through a range of workplace issues including:

- Redundancy
- Organising at work
- Regional Pay
- Facility time

Speakers include Regional Employment Judge Brian Doyle, along with experts from Thompsons Solicitors, PCS, UNISON, Unite and the TUC.

Trade union reps are battling against redundancies and job cuts, imposition of lower terms and conditions and the use of grievance and disciplinary procedures to remove people from jobs without paying redundancy.

This conference will update you on what the law says and how best to use it, together with informed insights into the most pressing issues facing trade unions. An ideal opportunity to learn, network and share experiences.

Programme

9.30	Registration
9.45	Welcome from Chair, Carolyn Jones, Director of IER
9.50	Workplaces: changes in the law and their impact at work <i>Brian Doyle, Regional Employment Judge, North West Region</i>
10.20	Redundancy: selection and consultation <i>Jo Seery, Thompsons Solicitors</i>
10.50	Questions and discussion
11:00	BREAK
11:15	Contract Changes <i>Neil Todd, Thompsons Solicitors</i>
11.45	Regional Pay <i>Peter Middleman, PCS</i>
12.15	Questions and discussion
12.30	LUNCH (not provided)
1.30	After lunch delegates choose one workshop A: Avoiding Redundancy: Negotiating for members <i>John Cooper, Unite, Vauxhall Motors, Ellesmere Port</i> B: Organising to turn back the tide of austerity <i>Kevan Nelson, Regional Secretary, UNISON North West</i> C: Resisting Attacks on Facility Time <i>Jane Stewart, UNITE Unilever</i>
2.30	Workshop Feedback
3.00	Where next? <i>Hannah Reed, TUC</i>
3.30	Questions and discussion
3.45	Close