

ICTU GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUMMER SCHOOL

Limerick 15/16th August 2024



Day One Thursday 15th August

- 12:00** Light lunch with Delegate Registration
- 12.30** Welcome Address (Shane Curtin, Limerick Trades Council and TUI)
- 12.35** Opening Address by ICTU President Justin McCamphill
- 12.50** Introduction to ICTU Global Solidarity Summer School Programme 2024
ICTU Global Solidarity Committee Chair: Ann Piggott (ASTI)

13.00-14.30 Session 1 The Right to Strike!

In November 2023, the ILO Governing Body adopted a resolution at its 349th (special) session to refer the serious and persistent dispute on the interpretation of Convention 87 with respect to the right to strike to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) pursuant to article 37(1) of the ILO Constitution. The resolution adopted by the Governing Body expressed serious concern about the implications of the dispute on the functioning of the ILO and the credibility of its system of standards. In calling for the settlement of this dispute, Governments have consistently expressed the need for legal certainty and coherence in the application and supervision of International Labour Standards in light of the mandate and constitutional objectives of the ILO.

This session will hear the background story to how the dispute began, the journey to the ICJ and the work of the ITUC in coordinating a global trade union response, and the issues at stake for workers and trade unions right around the world.

Speakers: Paapa Danquah, Legal and HTUR Director at ITUC and **Jeff Vogt**, Rule of Law Director, Solidarity Centre (online – TBC)

14.30-14.45 Coffee Break

14.45-17.30 Session 2 Let's talk about Palestine

How to talk about Palestine – Session to help participants to hone their skills when talking about Palestine by offering communication tips on how to engage in such conversations, and by building participants' confidence to know how to respond to various arguments.

Sarona Bedwan from MAKAN - a Palestinian-led transformative education organisation that strengthens voices for Palestinian rights. MAKAN help to transform the existing narrative on Palestine-Israel to one that upholds freedom, justice and equality for all by delivering educational workshops and trainings on Palestine, creating useful resources and tools for human rights advocates, and connecting people and organisations active on the issue to one another.

Day Two Friday 16th August

We will hear about the work of the ETUC Elections Contact Persons Working Group and the Anti Far Right Working Group, their evaluation of the ETUC campaign for the European elections, the lessons learnt, and planned next steps for the Anti Far Right Working Group.

- Introductory remarks – Owen Reidy, General Secretary
- Esther Lynch, ETUC General Secretary
- David Carroll, ICTU Anti-Racism project coordinator.
- John Lannon, CEO Doras (human rights organisation working to promote and protect the rights of refugees and migrants since 2000)

1. **Boycott Divestment Sanctions** – update and reports on trade union BDS actions.
2. **Trade Unions and Civil Society - uniting against hate** – David Carroll and John Lannon (CEO Doras)
3. **Justice for Colombia** – update on events in Colombia, Hasan Dodwell
4. **Holding corporations accountable** – Irish Coalition on Business and Human Rights: Dr Chris O’Connell, Trocaire; David Joyce, ICTU

13:00 Sandwiches and Departure