

# UP NEXT

## NEED TO KNOW

### 6-7 Global Response and OEI Seminar, Mexico City, Mexico

EI Deputy General Secretary David Edwards will attend 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Mexican constitution guaranteeing free public education

### 20-21 Annual Meeting of the Council of Global Unions, Brussels, Belgium

The 11<sup>th</sup> Council of Global Unions annual meeting will debate "The rise of the right" worldwide. Sectoral International Labour Organisation's programmes, violence against women, trade agreements, reports on tax, migration/refugees, climate change, the trade union and political situations in Korea and Turkey will be among issues tackled.

### 27-28 EI/ETUCE mission, Ankara, Turkey

The mission is a response to the ongoing violation of human and trade union rights and unjust dismissals of Turkish education personnel based on their alleged involvement in the Fethullahist terrorist organisation (FETÖ). Further to the EI/ETUCE urgent action appeal launched among EI/ETUCE affiliates, a delegation of EI/ETUCE member organisations' representatives will meet with Turkish colleagues to reaffirm support to and solidarity with Eğitim-Sen and its affiliates.

## MEANWHILE IN THE OFFICE...

### Staff planning days

Staff planning days for head office staff and regional coordinators will take place from 15 May to 19 May. Planning sessions will take place in plenary, regional and sectoral groups and will involve debates on topics such as the review of outcomes of previous planning days, the preparation for Congress 2019, budgetary issues for 2018 and 2019, regional developments and future priorities for EI strategies and campaigns.

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### OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS

- 1-2 GPE strategic financing working group face-to-face meeting, Paris, France
- 3 Special EI Officers Meeting, Washington DC, USA
- 13 Management and Senior Coordinators meeting Brussels, Belgium
- 20-22 Commonwealth Conference of Education Ministers, Fiji
- 21 ETUCE Bureau Brussels, Belgium
- 22-23 Joint meeting of the GCE INGO and northern coalitions constituencies, London, UK
- 24 Education and Solidarity Network Executive Board, Brussels, Belgium
- 27-28 GPE Board Special Meeting, Washington DC, USA

[Full EI Calendar available here \(on Sharepoint - requires login\)](#)

### BIRTHDAYS

6 Nicolás RICHARDS

13 Amani NEHME

20 Kristel BERGHMANS



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# STAFFING NEWS

## Retirement

Two of our colleagues from the regions have retired from positions at EI: Jerome Fernandez, who was working on Central Asia projects at the EIAP office; and Emanuel Fatoma, Coordinator of the Africa Region since 1993, who primarily focused on development cooperation projects in West Africa.

We wish them both all the best in their future endeavours.



## Vacancies

Interviews for two vacancies, the position of EIRAF Regional Coordinator and ETUCE Programme Officer, are being held this month.



# SPOTLIGHT

Learn about one of your colleagues each month when they step under the spotlight! This is the occasion to get to know each other a bit better as well as to discover the different roles and functions held in EI. This month: Amani Nehme of EI's Arab Countries Cross-Regional Structure. Originally from Akkar, Northern Lebanon, she has been living in the capital city Beirut for 12 years.



**Q: What are your main tasks during your work at the EI ACCRS regional office?**

A: I accomplish all program officer tasks, i.e. administrative and office work such as reporting, preparing for activities and projects, finance, etc. I further assist the regional coordinator Huda Khoury.

**Q: What do you enjoy the most, working for EI?**

A: I find it to be a great experience working for EI. In addition to the work experience with and about teachers' unions, it is highly rewarding to work with colleagues and unions from all around the world and learn about new cultures.

**Q: What motivates you, working for EI?**

A: As I studied Lebanese and French, I am really interested in everything

related to equality, rights and equity within societies. And EI's core goals are to promote equity, teachers' rights, education for all and gender equality, so I can clearly say that EI's values and principles deeply meet my interests.

**Q: Outside the office, what are your main hobbies and other fun, interesting facts about yourself that we may not know?**

A: I love all kinds of sports, especially "fight do", which is a fitness class combining boxing and martial arts methods, and tennis. In my free time, I also try as much as possible to catch up with childhood friends and to travel. Although, right now I am extremely busy preparing for my masters on national and international business law.

# Quick guided tour of the EI office in Asia-Pacific...

