

NEED TO KNOW

Organisations from Arab countries consider challenge of delivering education to refugee children

Last week, under the auspices of the ACCRS, representatives of 23 member organisations from 10 Arab countries considered the responsibility of education unions in a changing Arab world. They agreed that teachers and their organisations have a crucial role to play in securing refugee children's right to education. Haldis Holst and Huda Khoury attended the seminar.

ILO Conference

Twelve EI representatives from all of the regions are in Geneva from 30 May until 3 June at the ILO Conference.

This year's focus is set on reviewing the implementation of the International Labour Standards by countries highlighted in EI country resolutions at the 2015 World Congress, such as Honduras, Iran, South Korea and Turkey.

The ILO Commission on the application of the Standards will also review the CEART Report with a presentation by EI African Region and KNUT President Wilson Sossion.

Values in Education

Next week EI has organised a special conference on values in education, mainly for member organisations in countries along the Baltic sea. The conference will focus on the role of education in promoting civil and human rights in society and will take place in Riga in Latvia. Our former colleague, Guntars Catlaks, is helping to organise the conference.

World Day Against Child Labour

On 12 June, to mark the occasion of the World Day Against Child Labour, EI is going to release a statement on the key role of quality public education for all to eradicate child labour.

Arthur Svensson's International Prize for Trade Union Rights

Taking place in Oslo, Norway 15 June, the Arthur Svensson's International Prize for Trade Union Rights 2016 is being awarded to [LabourStart](#) in the presence of EI Deputy General Secretary Haldis Holst and Madhi Abu Dheeb, President of the Bahrain Teachers Association during a special session on teacher union rights in the Arab countries. This annual Prize is awarded to a person, group or an organisation which has made significant contributions to the promotion of trade union rights.

ILO/UNESCO Recommendation on the Status of Teachers reaches 50th Birthday!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation on the Status of Teachers, which has done so much to help improve the terms and conditions of work for teachers and help to assert their human and trade union rights. To celebrate EI is co-hosting a function in New York on 20th September.

CALENDAR EVENTS

3 - ETUCE ESSDE Working Group

ETUCE Brussels, Belgium

7 - 8 - EI Symposium on Human Rights and Values in Education

EI Riga, Latvia

9 - 10 - Final Conference Health and Safety Project

ETUCE Bucharest, Romania

10 - CGU General Secretaries Meeting

CGU Geneva, Switzerland

12 - World Day Against Child Labour

13 - Staff Lunch and Staff Meeting

EI Brussels, Belgium

13 - Management and Senior Coordinators meeting

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20 - 21 - Final Conference SD Project

ETUCE Amsterdam, Netherlands

21 - 22 - The ESSDE capacity building project II

ESSDE, ETUCE, EFEE Amsterdam, Netherlands

23 - Staff Day

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

BIRTHDAYS

9 Andrew King

11 Jacqueline Calderon Perez

12 Silvaraju Santhanam

13 Assibi Napoe

21 Paola Camilli

23 Olivier Odermatt

STAFF IS FANTASTIC

Run for Quality Education: join the EI Brussels Running Team

With the Brussels Marathon (42km) and half-marathon (21km) on 2 October a little more than four months away, we are announcing the creation of the EI Running Team. For those who are motivated and interested in this great physical challenge, the running team is the chance to train and cross the finish line together in the category of your choice. We are also planning on outfitting the team with newly-branded EI t-shirts, so there will be no chance of mistaking us during the race. The idea of raising money towards an EI initiative or a charitable cause in Brussels is being considered.

We've received interest from 15 colleagues, so if you are interested in dusting off your running shoes, please contact Andrew for details.

More transport disruption in Brussels

For those who like the opportunity to get a little extra exercise on their way to work, we can report that the next wave of public service strikes has been notified for 24th June

Time to hit the books

Good luck to the children of our colleagues in Brussels who are in the midst of preparing and stressing for final exams!

New Intern in Head Office

We have been joined by an intern from VUB, Daniel Schifrin, for a 6-week internship.

Daniel will be based in the COM's unit, helping to re-design and update the policy section of the EI website. He will also assist with the daily work of the Communications Unit, writing

news items for the website, managing social media streams, and helping with other appropriate tasks in the Unit. Welcome, Daniel!

Expanding the EI family

Congratulations to our Brussels colleague Zoubida L'oujdia after delivering a beautiful baby boy of 4,2 Kg. She and Amir, her second son, are well.



Vacancies

[EI Coordinator Development Cooperation](#): The deadline for applications is 17th June 2016.

ETUCE European director: Interviews will be held on 7th July 2016.

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:

Gabriela Sancho Mena of Education International's Latin America Office.

Gabriela comes from a small town in the Costa Rica's province of Alajuela called Palmares, historically known for its coffee plantations. This "beautiful and calm place to live," one hour away from San Jose, is relatively close to the city and the ocean.

Gabriela, who loves spending weekends with family and friends, is also a passionate reader, with a particular taste for Latin American authors like Costa Rica's Yolanda Oreamuno, Argentina's Julio Cortázar, and Colombia's Gabriel García Márquez. Russian Leo Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina" and British Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" are among her favourite books.



What are your main tasks within the EI Latin America regional office?

My work is focused on Women Network issues. I coordinate and promote regional and sub regional activities of the Network, with the objective that women and men of different organisations include the gender perspective and to empower women inside of trade unions. Another important area of work is the five-year Latin American Pedagogic Movement, which aims to promote and debate key issues and develop educational proposals that impact public education policies. We are also working on the Campaign on

privatisation and trade on education to counter neoliberal policies in Latin America. This is all a great challenge for me because there is much to learn.

What about your work with EI do you enjoy the most?

Team work. I have great colleagues and they have helped me a lot. We make a good team and I consider this the main thing needed to develop our jobs in the best possible way. Personally and professionally, I believe in our Latin American Pedagogical Movement work. I believe we can transform society if we fight for equality; a society where women and men play equal roles.

What keeps you busy away from work?

One of the activities I enjoy the most is running. I train on athletics track and am starting trail running. Exercising makes me feel good and gives me the chance to be outdoors. I mostly train at night after work, but on weekends I like to start around 4:30 or 5:30 am. My goal is to run a half-marathon, so I hope this dream comes true.



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