

Second European Summer University of Work

Europe Old and New: Restructuring of Work between Enlargement, Mobility and Demographic Change

31 August to 2 September 2006
University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

The Working Lives Research Institute has participated in the organisation of the Second European Summer University of Work to take place in Duisburg in Germany from Thursday 31 August to Saturday 2 September.

The Summer University brings together practitioners and researchers who are professionally engaged in the development and shaping of 'work' - human resource managers, employee representatives, social partner organisations, entrepreneurs, employees and representatives of public agencies, from EU member states, candidate countries and the local region.

Distinct from a purely academic conference, the Summer University of Work has been designed to develop expertise and exchange information on a European basis. By being both practically relevant and scientifically sound, the University enables discussion on the future of work, and, through many of its themes, it is linked to the development and implementation of European social legislation and the European Employment Strategy.

The Second Summer University of Work is focused on four key questions:

- The changing nature of work, employment and representation – can the Europeans models still cope?
- Life scripts and gender roles - how do they influence European employment regimes?
- Mobility of jobs, employability and skills of workers - what are the prospects for European jobs in the face of globalization?
- Demographic change and ethnic diversity - how do we make success from our weakness?

Together with the private sector union Amicus, the WLRI has prepared a workshop on Learning at Work, looking at systems of workplace learning, employability, life-long learning and trade union and employer responsibility. UK learning reps will be contributing to the workshop, together with other European contributors.

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