



## **WLRI Trade Union Seminar Series 2008**

# **Learning, practice and democracy: exploring union learning**

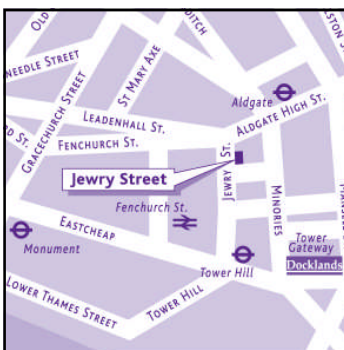
- **Keith Forrester, Lifelong Learning Institute,  
University of Leeds**
- **Barry Fuge, PCS Union Learning Project Officer**

**Wed 18th June 2008 at 4.30pm**

The focus of this presentation is on 'union learning'. Keith Forrester will suggest that worker learning occurs within a differential and differentiating context that largely remains unexplored and unrecognised by many researchers interested in workplace learning. Many of the recent evaluation studies of the Union Learning Representative initiative remain conceptually underdeveloped and as a result, minimise or marginalise the richness and radical implications of worker learning. Situating particular conceptions of 'learning' by labour it will be suggested, not only confronts and contests dominant employer discourses informed by human capital theory but also raises wider agitational issues of workplace control, design and democracy.

### **Keith Forrester**

Has pioneered academic work in the field of workplace learning, his interests are in pedagogic issues as they relate to sites of learning in the workplace and the relationship of this learning to understandings and practices of lifelong learning and to competing notions of social justice and democratic citizenship.



**WLRI: London Metropolitan University, 31 Jewry St,  
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4.30-6.00pm in Room JS2-73**

This event is free, open to all, and there is no need to register.  
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