

TRADE UNION EDUCATION INSTITUTE

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WORK OF THE INSTITUTE



The work of the Institute focused on public education, outreach and networking. Seminars and consultations on trade union issues were held and Tutor/Coordinator, Ms Marva Phillips represented Jamaica at the XVI Continental Congress of the ICFTU/ ORIT in Brasilia in April. The Tutor/Coordinator is the only academic staff member at the Institute.

Continuing Education

The first offer of the Certificate in Labour Studies began in September 2004 in Jamaica with an initial intake of thirteen students. Eighteen additional students were admitted to the programme in January 2005. The programme was formally launched in November 2004 with support from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES). Meetings were held with the social partners in Barbados to discuss the offer of the programme in that country. The offer of the programme at other Centres was also explored.

Public Education & Outreach

In May, the TUEI, in collaboration with the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions (JCTU) Women's Committee conducted a 2-day seminar for young trade unionists within the national Trade Union Movement. Workshop Facilitators were drawn from students pursuing the Certificate in Labour Studies.

The President of the Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL) invited Ms Phillips to plan, organise and facilitate a consultation of Caribbean Union Women representing affiliates of the Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL) in Antigua in July. Funding for the event was provided by the International Labour Organisation, Geneva Office, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) and the CCL. The objective of the consultation was to ensure that Caribbean union women brought to the Labour's New Platform for the Americas, their perspective while ensuring that the status and conditions of women were fully represented in the Platform document. Union women throughout the Americas engaged in consultations within their regions to examine the document. Labour's Platform for the Americas is a policy document designed to provide a "fresh start for Latin America and the Caribbean" in order to maintain labour's relevance within the Americas.

Main Targets 2005-2006

Expand the offer of the Certificate in Labour Studies to other Centres in the region

Hold the ILO/TUEI Labour Standards Programme

Host a symposium on the 1st generation of Caribbean Trade Union Women

Develop a research project with Caribbean Association of Feminist Researchers (CAFRA)

PAPERS PRESENTED

- Phillips, Marva A. “Women’s Participation in the Trade Union Movement”, First Continental Conference for Women of the ICFTU/ORIT, Panama, September 27 -29, 2004.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Marva Phillips

- .- Council Member, Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions (JCTU)
- .- Chair, JCTU Women’s Committee
- .- Member, Permanent Salaries Review Board -Ministry of Finance
- .- Member, CCL Women’s Committee
- .- Caribbean Representative (Titular) to Inter-American Regional Organisation of Workers (ORIT) Women’s Committee (COMUT)
- .- CCL’s Alternate Representative, ICFTU Women’s Committee
- .- UWI Alternate Representative to ILO’s Project Advisory Committee, the Programme for the Promotion of Management-Labour (PROMALCO)
- .- UWI/TUEI Representative to ILO Heads of Labour Colleges Meetings

