

# MEETING OF THE ELHN WORKING GROUP COORDINATORS 12 April 2023 at the ESSHC Conference in Göteborg, Sweden

Participants: Fia Sundevall (Military Labour), Silke Neunsinger (Arctic and Indigenous), Susan Zimmermann (Feminist Labour), Görkem Akgöz (Workplaces), Jenny Jansson (Workers' Education), Jonas Söderqvist (Workers' Education, minutes), M.W. Shobhana Warrier, Ivelina Masheva (Feminist Labour), Jose Joaquin Garcia Gomez (Labour in Mining), Nina Trige Andersen (Precarious Labour), Sibylle Marti (Precarious Labour), Maria Fernanda Arellanes (Precarious Labour), Rosa Kösters (Precarious Labour), Nico Pizzolato (Workplaces), Christian De Vito (Labour and Coercion), Céline Mutos Xicola (Labour and Family), Raffaela Sarti, Viola Müller (Labour and Coercion), Manuela Martini (Labour and Family), Teresa Petrik (Labour and Coercion), Lorenzo Costaguta (Labour and Empire), Jan Lucassen, Aad Blok, Karin Hofmeester, Eszter Varsa and Donald Weber (committee, minutes)

Participants online: Sigfrido Ramirez (European Trade Unionism), Christian Wicke (Memory and Deindustrialisation), Stefan Moitra (Memory and Deindustrialisation)

Excused: Jacqueline Rutte (committee), Matthias van Rossum (committee)

Chair: Leda Papastefanakis (online)

Preliminary note: Due to network connection issues the meeting started with a considerable delay. Also, because of personal reasons not all members of the network committee could participate in the meeting. The network committee regrets these unfortunate circumstances and apologizes for any resulting discomfort. Thanks to Rosa and Jonas for the assistance!

The meeting starts at 17.15.

## 1. Opening/Minutes

Leda opens the meeting and welcomes all the participants. The previous meeting of the General Assembly was held on 24 October 2022, it was an online meeting. There are no comments on the minutes of 24-10-2022.

#### 2. The ELHN conference 2024 in Uppsala

Potential joint panels were discussed. Decision to leave this to the working groups to decide. Maybe let the local organizing committee help by connecting WGs with obvious potential joint panels among their proposals. The number of sessions allotted for each working group was discussed. With the current budget, 2 to 4 sessions per working group is feasible. Some WGs will have fewer sessions, and then the surplus can be divided among the WGs with more than 4 session proposals. This should be discussed at a speed meeting, organized by the local organizing committee when the proposals have been collected.

Deadline for proposals is September 2023.

All working groups should collect email addresses of their paper presenters and send them in along with their session proposals, in order to make the communication easier. Fees for the conference: Discussion to raise the fees due to the cost of living increase, which has effected the costs for spaces etc. The assembly is in favour of a model whereby one fee is set for participants with institutional funding for conferences, and a lower fee for participants lacking institutional support. Important to keep the bottom-up-style of organizing the conference, and a system with differentiated fees is a must. Also important that the participants themselves can define whether they have institutional support or not. Not something that should be put on the organizing committee to uphold. Suggestion for raising the fee for participants with institutional funding to €120 and for those

lacking institutional support to €70. A mail will be sent to the working groups, inviting them to comment on this.

### 3. Next General Assembly

Will be held online in mid-October/November 2023. Main question to discuss will be the voting procedure.

#### 4. Updates Working Groups

Due to the late hour of the meeting, this point is postponed to the next meeting

Meeting was closed at around 18.30.