

Who should attend

The conference will be of great interest to trade unionists, employment lawyers, personnel specialists, academics and students and those concerned with the development of public policy.

How to book

To reserve your place, complete the form below and send your cheque, made payable to IER, to the Institute of Employment Rights, The People's Centre, 50-54 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5SD.

How to get there

The Adelphi Hotel is situated immediately to the left hand side of Lime Street train station and a 5 minute walk from Central Station

Cost

IER subscribers and members	£50.00
Non-subscribers	£75.00
Commercial	£150.00

Booking form

Please reserve _____ places at the
Trade Union Freedom Bill Liverpool launch
conference at £ _____

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1906 – 2006:

from the Trade Disputes Act to a Trade Union Freedom Bill

a launch conference

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9.30am-4.15pm

Adelphi Hotel, Ranelagh Place, Liverpool

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programme

The call for a Trade Union Freedom Bill has caught the imagination of the labour movement. Both the TUC and Labour Party conferences have supported calls for the introduction of a Bill and for the past two years the Institute of Employment Rights has been working with a Group of Legal Experts, trade unions and the TUC to develop the contents of a proposed Bill.

And the timing of the Bill couldn't be better. In 1906 – just over 100 years ago – the Trade Disputes Act was introduced. That Act protected unions and their members from legal action during an industrial dispute. Today, despite the right to strike being enshrined in international law, workers and their unions in the UK have fewer protections than they did 100 years ago.

In an effort to correct this situation, in December 2006 the Institute published a major report examining the Trade Disputes Act and proposing a Trade Union Freedom Bill. The five main principles of the Bill are simple but significant:

- Better protection for striking workers
- Simpler and fairer industrial action balloting and notice procedure
- Restricted use of injunctions by employers
- Allowing solidarity action in certain circumstances
- Preventing the use of replacement labour during strikes

To celebrate the launch of the publication, the Institute is holding a launch conference in Liverpool. The platform of speakers involves academics, lawyers and trade unionists. The aim is to update trade union members on the latest developments in the drafting of the Bill and explain why we believe the time is right for this important piece of legislation.

9:30	Registration
9:50	Welcome from Chair <i>Alan Manning</i>
10:00	1906- 2006 The campaign for a Trade Union Freedom Bill <i>Carolyn Jones</i> , Director, IER
10:20	International Labour Standards: The case for a level playing field. <i>Bernie Wentworth</i> , Thompsons Solicitors
10:40	The need for better protection for striking workers <i>Ruth Winters</i> , President FBUI
11:00	Tea and coffee
11:15	From the Trade Disputes Act to a Trade Union Freedom Bill <i>Professor Keith Ewing</i> , President, IER
11:45	The TUC - Progressing the union call for a Trade Union Freedom Bill <i>Hannah Reed</i> , TUC
12:15	Pursuing the Bill in Parliament <i>John McDonnell MP</i>
12:45	Questions and Discussion
1:00	LUNCH
2:00	Ballots: Addressing a 21st century problem <i>Tony Kearns</i> , DGS CWU
2:20	Injunctions: Restricting employers' use of injunctions <i>Jerry Bartlett</i> , NASUWT
2:40	Agency Labour: Dealing with the problem <i>Sandra Bight</i> , GMB
3:00	Tea and coffee
3:15	The use of injunctions by employers <i>Amanda Brown</i> , NUT
3:35	Reviewing the 2006 Trade Union Freedom Bill <i>Gregor Gall</i>
4:00	Questions and discussion
4:15	Close