



Dear Sister/Brother,

I am writing to invite you to participate in a conference on **TRADE UNIONS AGAINST RACISM** in Paris on 20 to 21 October 2005.

*Trade Unions Against Racism* will present the results of a 3-year comparative research project looking at racial and ethnic minorities, immigration and the role of trade unions in combating racism. The research has been undertaken by an international team from Belgium, Bulgaria, Italy, France and the UK who have worked closely with workers and their trade unions in the following sectors: health, retail, public transport and naval engineering, white goods manufacture, tobacco, textiles and construction.

The first day of the conference, Thursday 20 October, will present an opportunity to discuss the various research debates.

The second day, Friday 21 October, will centre around the theme of *Union Activists and Organisations* and will concern itself with practical trade union strategies to combat racism in the workplace. The day will start with a presentation and discussion of our own findings in each of the industrial sectors studied. Catelene Passchier, Confederal Secretary of the ETUC will be one of the keynote speakers, along with trade unionists from other European countries. The results of the studies of different sectors and policies issues on combating racism at work will also be presented and discussed in workshops with other European trade unionists.

The success of this day will depend on your participation as an active trade unionist. We have worked closely with trade unions and the TUC throughout the three years of the project. Now is the time for you to judge our efforts on behalf of the labour & anti-racist movement and, hopefully, together to inspire a re-invigorated campaign against those who seek to divide workers on racial and/or ethnic lines.

We look forward to seeing you on both days, but if you can only attend for one, make sure you come on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. For further information, please call Ashika Thanki on 020 7320 3029 or email on [a.thanki@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:a.thanki@londonmet.ac.uk).

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Mary Davis  
Deputy Director  
Working Lives Research Institute

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wilf Sullivan".

Wilf Sullivan  
Race Equalities Officer  
Trade Union Congress

# TRADE UNIONS AGAINST RACISM

20-21 OCTOBER 2005

9 am – 5.30 pm

*Paris University VII*

*Paris 7, rue de Tolbiac, France*

To register for the conference please complete this form and email it to [workinglives@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:workinglives@londonmet.ac.uk) or you can post the form to:

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London Metropolitan University  
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Please note that the closing date for registration is Friday 6 October 2005.

## Registration Details

I wish to register for *Trade Unions Against Racism*

Name: .....

Position: .....

Organisation: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: ..... Email: .....

Please tick one of the following:

- I wish to attend on Thursday 20 October only.
- I wish to attend on Friday 21 October only
- I wish to attend on BOTH 20 and 21 October

The conference will provide refreshments and lunch on both days and an evening meal on Thursday 20 October. Please delete as appropriate:

I wish to attend the Thursday evening conference meal:      YES / NO

I am a vegetarian / non-vegetarian

A list of reasonably priced hotels is available on *Working against Racism*'website, [www.workingagainstracism.org](http://www.workingagainstracism.org)