

The 2nd EL Summer University 2007, 11-15 July in Gosau, Austria

The second EL Summer University, scheduled for July 11-15, 2007, will take place in Gosau, Austria. Around 200 participants from all over Europe – EL members, activists of the European Left, people interested in the EL – are invited to discuss the party's policies.

It will be a unique opportunity for activists and experts of political parties and social movements to get together and talk outside the usual framework of international meetings. Under the slogan "Let's learn from each other" workshops, seminars and round table discussions are organized.

The aim is to promote theoretical and political debate on the major issues of the construction of an alternative political left for Europe, a broad exchange of experience on political and social problems in Europe and the European countries.

Each day will be dedicated to one main issue. The proposed topics are:

- Left Concepts and ideas during the last 40 Years
- Sustainability – water
- Future of labour

A central point in the workshops will be the development of innovative communication strategies for political actions and campaigns, for a better mutual understanding of political parties and social movements.

Interpretation into 3 languages (English, French and German) will be available for the main speeches and for some seminars.

Each morning there will be the opportunity to take part in special excursions, linked to the general topic of the day.

Welcome to European Left - Summer University

Programme

Wednesday July 11:

17.30: Opening of the 2nd summer university
18:15: Meet the people, meet the parties, meet the networks
19:00: Evening meal
Get-together-party

Thursday July 12:

Challenges of the left in Europe in the last 40 years
9.00: Excursion to the KZ Ebensee memorial site
12.00: Lunch
14.00: Challenges of the left in Europe in the last 40 years
Introduction: Frank Deppe
15.30 –
19.00: workshops and seminars (coffee break in between)

Friday July 13:

Water and Sustainability

9.30: Excursion to meeting with representatives of water co-operatives

12.00: Lunch

14.00: Water and Sustainability

Introduction: Ana Esther Ceceña

15.30 –

19.00: workshops and seminars (coffee break in between)

Saturday July 14:

Organized by transform! european network for alternative thinking and political dialogue Future of Labour, the Working People and the People Without Work in Today's Europe

9.30: Excursion 1. Visit Hallstatt and the oldest salt mines in Europe

9.30: Excursion 2: Visit Hallstatt and walk along the oldest pipeline in Europe

12.00: Lunch

14.00: Future of Labour, the Working People and the People Without Work in Today's Europe

Introduction: Ursula Huws

15.30 –

19.00: workshops and seminars (coffee break in between)

Sunday July 15:

10.00: Summary and Closing of the 2nd Summer university

Speaker: Graziella Mascia, EL-Ex-Board, Deputy Chair of the Rifondazione group at the Chamber of Deputies

Seminars


Thursday July 12

- 1.) Euro-communism
- 2.) Feminism
- 3.) The European left and the new working class movement
- 4.) Internationalism, anti-imperialism, anti-colonialism
- 5.) Problems of communication and exchange of ideas
- 6.) Left people in exile, left people in illegality, the left and migration
- 7.) The downfall of socialism and the consequences for the European left
- 8.) Questions of Identity

Friday July 13

- 1.) The global business with water
- 2.) Water, health and environmental protection
- 3.) Water as an economic factor today: agriculture, fishery and industry and tomorrow: an ecologic economy based on solidarity
- 4.) Communal water utilities
- 5.) Water is life – what can Europe do for the developing countries
- 6.) Water as a strategic resource in the power struggle of the “global players”
- 7.) The water policy of the EU
- 8.) New culture of water

Saturday July 14

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- 1.) What are we living of? Wages and basic income
- 2.) Information society
- 3.) Future of trade unionism
- 4.) Labour, education and young people
- 5.) Labour as central issue in the struggles of the 21st century
- 6.) New forms of labour, new forms of labour struggles
- 7.) New energy basis of productions
- 8.) Intellectual work
- 9.) The informal sector
- 10.) Theory of labour value