

# Symposium: 20 Years of Organising Works

Thursday 20 November 2014

Auditorium, Sydney Trades Hall, 4-10 Goulburn St, Sydney

At a time when there has never been a greater need to build power amongst working people, this Symposium will bring together academic and organiser perspectives to reflect on 20 years of the ACTU's Organising Works programme. Featuring past participants, academics and union leaders, the program highlights the educational model that transformed the union movement and consolidated national Organiser development.



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# Program

- 12:30 - 1:40 Welcome to Country - Welcome and Outline - **Kristyn Crossfield**, Facilitator
- Opening Remarks: **Dave Oliver**, Secretary ACTU  
Introduction: **Professor Ray Markey**, Director, Centre for Workforce Futures, Macquarie University  
Keynote Address: **Professor Ed Heery**, Professor of Employment Relations, Cardiff University Business School
- 1:40 - 2:45 **Panel – The Origins of Organising Works**
- Tom McDonald**, Former National Secretary, Building Workers Industrial Union, Organising Works Elder  
**Sally McManus**, Secretary, Australian Services Union (NSW Branch)  
**Chris Walton**, CEO, Professionals Australia (Former Assistant Secretary, ACTU)  
**Caterina Cinanni**, National President, National Union of Workers  
**Associate Professor Rae Cooper**, Discipline of Work and Organisational Studies, University of Sydney  
Chair: **Mark Lennon**, Secretary, Unions NSW
- 2:45 Afternoon Tea – Trades Hall Atrium
- 3:05 - 3:25 **Video presentation:** Perspectives from Organising Works graduates
- Address from 2014 Trainee
- 3:25 - 4:40 **Panel – Organising work: what we have learnt and where has it taken us?**
- Nadine Flood**, National Secretary, Community and Public Sector Union  
**Cameron Murphy**, former President, NSW Council of Civil Liberties  
**Shane O’Brien**, Director of Aviation, Transport Workers’ Union of Australia  
**Jeane Wells**, Industrial Officer, National Tertiary Education Union (NSW)  
**Professor David Peetz**, Professor of Employment Relations, Griffith University  
Chair: **Stephanie Cunio**, Former Assistant Director, ACTU Organising Centre, Sydney
- Graduate address: **Thomas Mayor**, Secretary, Maritime Union of Australia, (Northern Territory Branch)
- 4:40 Introduction: **Dr Alison Barnes**, Centre for Workforce Futures, Macquarie University  
**The Way Forward: Tim Lyons**, Assistant Secretary, ACTU
- 4:50 Close
- 6:30 Reconvene at Symposium Dinner, Blackbird Café, Darling Harbour