

Labour, Work and Class Beyond Brexit

Critical Labour Studies Annual Symposium

Co-sponsored by Conference of Socialist Economists

10th & 11th January 2020 | Redhills, Durham City

Dr Carol Stephenson | Prof. Paul Stewart | Dr Ian Manborde

In 2020 Critical Labour Studies returns to its roots by reaffirming the collaboration between activists, trade unionists, academic researchers and working class people. It is appropriate therefore that this discussion takes place in Redhills, the Pitman's Parliament and the Durham Miners' Association, which served as the headquarters for the fight for jobs and communities during the 1984-1985 miners' strike. The symposium focuses on the challenges facing the working class and the future of progressive social, cultural and economic resistance to social and economic injustice. With delegates from Brazil, Germany, France, Ireland, Britain and Scotland, this symposium will address essential questions relating to the further fragmentation of work, the rise of the far right, the challenges that are faced by the political left and organised labour and working class communities, organisations and movements.

In response to these challenges we explore innovative cultural, organisational and political forms of resistance and in doing so draws on academic research as well as poetry, protest and song in order to explore three key themes:

- Labour, the Working Class and Brexit
- Working Class Education, Culture and Resistance
- Work Fragmentation, the Gig Economy in Europe and Brazil

This is a call for papers and a request registration. To register, please email

carol.stephenson@northumbria.ac.uk In order to reduce the cost of this event:

- Payments will be taken on the day. Receipts will be provided.
- Waged, £30; Students, £5; Unwaged Free.
- Refreshments will be served during the day, lunch and evening meals will not.

