PSI YOUNG WORKERS
Regional priorities, global challenges and the way forward
YOUNG WORKERS’ MEETING

“In the People’s Interest: A youth perspective”

Durban, South Africa: 24 November 2012
The PSI Asia Pacific Youth Network (APYN) is well organised
- Individual countries are represented and their local youth networks plug in and share information and ideas.
- Newsletter “Youth to Youth”
- APYN has published an E-Book with essays from our members on youth issues. Some of these essays have been picked up and published in other languages and countries.
- Training and workshops: Over the past few years there have been PSI run sub-regional youth workshops
- APRECON 2011 had a strong youth presence, presentations and facilitation of workshops
PRIORITIES APYN

- Regional Capacity building leadership
- Identification of future PSI leaders: we need to look for younger leaders which is challenging in the current labour market as youth are missing out on public sector employment in many countries, or being employed on contracts only.
- 30% quota for under 35 involvement in PSI activities
- APYN also will assist on the formation of a non constitutional World Youth Network aimed at info sharing and electronic activism.
- International Youth Day
INTER-AMERICAN YOUTH NETWORK

- Youth committees created throughout the region
- Affiliation campaigns in Columbia, Peru, Venezuela
- Precarious work / QPS / Privatization (Carribean)
- Active solidarity (Haiti, Mozambique)
- International Youth Day
- Annual meetings (Central America)
- Leadership, involvement in trade unions, rights, quality public services, decent work (Southern Cone)
- Trade Union Rights, Equal Opportunity, Campaign on Decent Work and Unionization (Brazil)
- E-mailing list / theater (Peru) / Social networks
PROPOSALS INTER-AMERICAS

- Day of Action: One day of action for young workers, 12 August (?) and integration of young people in other action days, such as 1 May and June 23 by planning activities that are low budget, film forums, lectures, talks and media.
- Promotion of Regional Activities: privatization, precarious employment and quality public services
- Organization of youth meetings in conjunction with regional meetings
- 30% of youth participation, respecting gender equality
- Inclusion of young people in the statutory structure of PSI
THE WAY FORWARD

PARTICIPATION

• Ensure 30% youth participation in all PSI activities
• Mainstreaming youth in all PSI sectors
• PSI Global Youth day 12 August
• Develop a proposal for a youth network built on current local and regional networks and integrated into sectors in 2013/2014
• Organize a PSI Youth Conference in 2014/2015

PRIORITY THEMES

• First Job and precarious work, youth employment and migration, contracts in public sector
• Youth trade union leadership and organizing young workers
• Develop projects for young workers (regional/sub-regional/global)
THE WAY FORWARD

COMMUNICATION

• PSI Young workers blog and Facebook page
• Provide training on internet and social networking
• Improve exchange of best practices
• Gather data, mapping youth membership, activist and leadership profiles in our affiliates and their employment patterns in the public sector workforce in 2013/2014

COOPERATION

• Develop stronger cooperation with other Youth networks outside PSI
• Widen cooperation with ILO and other UN agencies on youth issues