British-German Trade Union Forum VI
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2 – 3 July 2007

Hamburg
Handwerkskammer Hamburg
Holstenwall 12
D-20355 Hamburg

Work-Life-Balance

DRAFT PROGRAMME, 1 JUNE 07

Hotel:

“Junges Hotel”
Kurt-Schumacher-Allee 14
D-20097 Hamburg
Monday, 2 July:

**Morning**

Arrival of participants

12.30 – 13.30  “Ice-breaking event” and buffet lunch

13.30 – 13.45  Welcome by organizers (HBS, FES and/ or AGF)

Welcome by the host: Wilfried Sander, Vice president of the Handwerkskammer Hamburg,

13.45 – 14.30  Short introduction on the situation in the two countries

Great Britain (Jo Morris TUC; Dr Jane Pillinger (co-author Out of Time report)

Germany (Claudia Menne, Christina Stockfisch; both DGB)

14.30 – 15.00  Coffee break

15.00 – 16.45  **Session Ia):**

"Working time” – “Living time": How to achieve a balance?

- Good Life, good Work over the life course: Prof. Irene Gerlach

- Gender Inequality in Production and Reproduction: Gender, time allocation and the wage gap Prof. Jonathan Gershuny, University of Oxford

This session should focus on the time spent at work and available for individual choices: it will include topics like the life course perspective / work-life-balance over the life-course, lifelong learning, family life (childcare-facilities, parental leave/ care leave, local initiatives), gender pay gap, care of relatives, equal opportunities, fighting long hours culture

Debate

16.45 – 17.15  Coffee Break

17.15 – 19.00  **Session Ib)**

Working time arrangements and work-life-balance over the life course/ The life course perspective Christina Klenner, Böckler-Foundation

- Transforming Work – Design of the workplace of the future?

Stephen Bevan, Work Foundation on EOC Transformation of Work Commission

Debate
20.30 (?) Dinner
Schmidts Theater, Salon Schmidt, Spielbudenplatz 27/28
Hamburg
Tuesday, 3 July

9.00 – 10.45  **SESSION II:** Conflict of work and care in a changing labour market. How can we desegregate participation?

(15 min. each)

Best practice UK: Rowena Hayward, Bristol City Council

Best practice Germany: Gabriele Jamm, works council Airbus Hamburg

Best practice UK: Billy Hayes, General Secretary CWU – challenges of work life balance and culture change in a male dominated industry: the Royal Mail

Debate

*Session could include topics like working-time-arrangements, childcare-facilities at the workplace etc.*

10.45 – 11.15  Coffee break

11.15 – 12.30  **SESSION III: Gender equality and Work-Life Balance**

Change of culture at work and at home -a challenge for the trade union agenda. Catelene PASSCHIER: ETUC Confederal Secretary

Discussion - Work life balance and flexible working time: the challenge to trade union organisation

12.30 – 13.00  Concluding remarks

13.00  Buffet lunch and End of Forum