

Social Impact Investment - OECD Report



Please find below a reference to a report by the OECD , covering off on social impact bonds – the report is available for reading on line and sharing via the link for free , to down load you need to be a subscriber , my quick glance through it shows few points we can use in arguments, as well as not so good, as well as some economic/financial questioning – Below News item is from OCED latest news bulletin *Social Impact Investment* Building the Evidence Base This report provides a framework for assessing the social impact investment market and focuses on the need to build the ... [more »](#)

Race to sign TPPA highlights growing public anger



<http://www.world-psi.org/en/race-sign-tppa-highlights-growing-public-anger>

Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) advocates are racing to have the deal signed in New Zealand on February 4th, before growing public opposition makes the agreement a political liability. PSI urges affiliates to join the worldwide protests against the signing and let politicians know that they do not want to have a hand in ratifying this dirty deal. After seven years of secret negotiations and corporate lobbying, governments are racing to sign the deal less than three months after making public the 5,... [more »](#)

Workers in Ghana demonstrate against massive increase in utility tariffs



<http://www.world-psi.org/en/workers-ghana-demonstrate-against-massive-increase-utility-tariffs> Wednesday 20 January 2016, Ghanaian workers, mostly public sector workers and members of PSI's 8 affiliates in the country, took to the streets along with other civil society groups to protest the recent massive increases in utility tariffs calling on the government to withdraw the Energy Sector Levies Act 899 of 2015 with immediate effect. Organised labour had been negotiating with the government over the 59.2% electricity and 67.2% water tariff increases introduced in early December 201... [more »](#)

IMATU & COSATU - South Africa Unions



Johan Koen (right) General Secretary of IMATU a Municipal specialist trade union in South Africa and Ifiso Khumalo (left), from the South African Trade Union Federation COSATU.,and Greg Mclean . Recently meet in Sydney, for wide ranging discussion on the issues faced by Local Government Unions, globally and country specific. The South African Union Colleagues were part of a Delegation from the South African Essential Services Commission visiting Sydney. Issues discuses included contracting out , skills and training , the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, local employment oppor... [more »](#)

EPSU - European update - includes local government pay increase 3.4% , Electricity and more



2016 January epsucob@NEWS 01 epsucob@NEWS Collective Bargaining in the Public Services [image: Flag country] Europe *Information and consultation rights for central government workers* Millions of central government workers across Europe are now covered by a landmark agreement on information and consultation. The new agreement was signed in December by EPSU, leading the trade union side, and the EUPAE central government employers' organisation in the European Social Dialogue Committee for Central Government Administrations. The two sides have called upon the Commission to transpose... [more »](#)

Help support and retain older workers (Mature) in Local Government .

<http://www.ancelg.org.au/news/mature-age-workforce-resource> The Australian Centre for Local Government Excellence has published a kit that is of use to Unions and Managers to help support and retain older workers *(Mature) *in Local Government . According to the ACELG web site the kit is *" Designed to proactively support the implementation of a corporate framework, policy and set of aligned, recommended actions towards the engagement, support and retention of older workers." * Read the full item and down load the report at <http://www.ancelg.org.au/news/mature-age-workforce-resource>

Philippines PSI - Development on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management



[image: 'PSI affiliated unions in Philippines namely AGWWAS, AFW, CIU, MWSA, MWEU, PGEA, PSLINK, PIPSEA and NECU gathered at Quezon City on 27-29 January 2016 for the Module Development on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in order to increase the capacity of union trainers! This activity is under the PSI Haiyan Solidarity Project Phase II']PSI affiliated unions in Philippines namely AGWWAS, AFW, CIU, MWSA, MWEU, PGEA, PSLINK, PIPSEA and NECU gathered at Quezon City on 27-29 January 2016 for the Module Development on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in order to increase t... [more »](#)

Making Public in a Privatized World: The Struggle for Essential Services - Update News from the "Municipal Service Project"

<http://municipalservicesproject.org/publication/making-public-privatized-world-struggle-essential-services> - *How do we provide effective public services in a deeply neoliberal world? In the wake of the widespread failure of privatization efforts, societies in the global South are increasingly seeking progressive ways of recreating the public sector. With contributors ranging from cutting-edge scholars to activists working in health, water and energy provision, and with case studies covering a broad spectrum of localities and actors – from public health activists in rural Guatemala... [more »](#)

OECD direct E-mail Alerts - Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2016 - Multi-dimensional Review of Kazakhstan - Oil, Gas, Coal and Electricity , third quarter stats 2015



] *Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2016* Enhancing Regional Ties The annual Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India examines Asia's regional economic growth, development and regional integration process. - Read and Share - Download (for institutions with a subscription to OECD iLibrary) - Buy the PDF file or the Book+PDF [image: More information] *OECD Development Pathways* *Multi-dimensional Review of Kazakhstan* Volume 1. Initial Assessment Kazakhstan's economy and society have undergone deep transformations sinc... [more »](#)

Once again trade unionists are victims of violence against dissenting voices in Turkey - this time Local Government Worker - protest letter from PSI

Read on-line: * <http://www.world-psi.org/en/trade-unionists-killed-and-arrested-turkey> * Sanitation worker Mehmet Kaplan, father of three children and member of PSI affiliate, DİSK/Genel-İş Union in Cizre Municipality (Şırnak), was shot dead on 17 January in front of his house while another worker was seriously injured and a further three arrested in separate incidents. Mr. Ramazan Uysal, also a member of DİSK/Genel-İş was shot and lost his arm on 14 December 2015 while he was working at water valves for the Cizre Municipality. In addition, PSI was informed of the arrest and detentio... [more »](#)

Sign the petition against water privatisation in India



<http://www.world-psi.org/en/sign-petition-against-water-privatisation-india> A group of trade unions in India is addressing a petition to the World Bank, calling on them to end their promotion and financial support of all forms of water privatisation and acknowledge the failures behind it. To sign, *please * *send your organisation name and country to * [*waterintern@stopcorporateabuse.org](mailto:waterintern@stopcorporateabuse.org)** by January 11, and please help circulate the petition*! Though unions in India have been fighting the privatisation of water in Nagpur for years, the World Bank and water industry are promot... [more »](#)

UK - Edinburgh UNISON will lobby the City of Edinburgh Council budget meeting on Thursday 21 January 2016



http://unisonedinburgh.blogspot.com.au/2016/01/unison-lobby-against-silent-slaughter.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

UNISON lobby against 'silent slaughter' of council services Edinburgh UNISON will lobby the City of Edinburgh Council budget meeting on Thursday 21 January 2016 from 08.45-9.45 against 2,000 job losses and £160 million in cuts to services over four years. Tom Connolly, UNISON Edinburgh lead negotiator, said: "On top of the existing quest to find £150 million in cuts, the recent Scottish Government financial settlement means Edinburgh has to find another ... [more »](#)

New ITUC report exposes hidden workforce of 116 million in global supply chains of fifty companies

(ITUC Online): The global supply chains of 50 companies employ only six per cent of people in a direct employment relationship, yet rely on a hidden workforce of 94 per cent according to new research from the International Trade Union Confederation. "Just 50 companies including Samsung, McDonalds and Nestle have a combined revenue of \$3.4 trillion and the power to reduce inequality. Instead they have built a business model on a massive hidden workforce of 116 million people," said Sharan Burrow, ITUC General Secretary. The ITUC report, Scandal: Inside the global supply chains of 50 ...[more »](#)

Tianjin Municipal Trade Unions Delegation



A Delegation from the Tianjin Municipal Trade Unions, of China, recently visited Sydney. For discussions on a range of issues, around Union history, Australian Industrial Relations, occupational health and safety, along with the role of Chinese Unions.

UN WOMEN - moments of gender equality in 2015 -



http://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/multimedia/2015/12/timeline-year-in-review?utm_source=Say+NO+%E2%80%93+UNITE+to+End+Violence+against+Women&utm_campaign=a40af48334-Invitation_to_online_discussion&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_713f7be9fc-a40af48334-70125896 , UN WOMEN , has published an important item highlighting the important moments for Gender Equality in 2015 , it contains a number of important milestones and steps on the path to Gender Equality , Including Women's Rights . UN Women ask if you can pass their news item on via Social Media. The item from their ... [more »](#)

OXFAM - report on Climate Change

<https://www.oxfam.de/system/files/oxfam-extreme-carbon-inequality-20151202-engl.pdf> * " Climate change is inextricably linked to economic inequality: it is a crisis that is driven by the greenhouse gas emissions of the 'haves' that hits the 'have-nots' the hardest. In this briefing Oxfam demonstrates the extent of global carbon inequality by estimating and comparing the lifestyle consumption emissions of rich and poor citizens in different countries.* *strikingly, estimates of the scale of this inequality suggest that the poorest half of the global population – around 3.5 billi... [more »](#)

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