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<p>Please select the type of contribution, only one choice :</p> <p>* Workshop [Y]</p> <p>* Plenary Speech []</p>
<p>Title of your workshop presentation/plenary speech:</p> <p><i>Trade Unions and Lifelong Learning</i></p>
<p>Objectives of your presentation:</p> <p><i>To encourage consideration of existing relations between trade unions and universities and how they might be strengthened.</i></p>
<p>Summary of content (max 600 words):</p> <p><i>Trade unions engage in varying degrees and with varying effectiveness with lifelong learning issues on behalf of lay activists, officers and staff, members and the working class as a whole. This contribution reviews recent UK experience, including employer attitudes and state engagement, as the basis for discussion on alternative perspectives. It also focuses on relationship and cultural issues in collaboration between trade unions and universities, particularly in terms of the generation of knowledge through research. It concludes with tentative proposals for ways to strengthen and develop links between trade unions and universities.</i></p>
<p>Questions for discussion/workshop activity: <i>How does recent UK experience compare with that in your own country? Are there structural obstacles to closer working between trade unions and universities? Identify priority areas and issues for strengthening co-operation in education and research.</i></p>