



To All PSI Affiliates
To EB Members

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

**Founding Meeting of Public Services International
Educational Support and Cultural Workers Network**

18-19 November 2014

University of Buenos Aires, School of Law
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Co-hosted by APUBA and CONTUA

The affiliates of Public Services International represent hundreds of thousands of educational support and cultural workers throughout the world, many of whom work without job security, fair compensation and benefits, or recognition that their services are vital to ensuring high quality public education and culture for all citizens.

The jobs of these workers are on the frontlines of the privatization and casualization struggle within the education and cultural sector, and many of them face challenges in pursuing their basic freedom to form a union and collectively bargain their terms and conditions of service.

PSI is convening the founding meeting of the PSI Educational Support and Cultural Workers Network to establish a formal PSI structure to confront the challenges that these workers face throughout the world and in accordance with Resolution #33, approved at the PSI World Congress in Durban, South Africa, in late 2012.

At the founding meeting, due to take place on 18-19 November 2014 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Network will adopt a and a Plan of Action to encourage solidarity with those affiliates struggling to assert and exercise their rights of free association and collective bargaining, support those affiliates actively organizing and mobilizing educational support and cultural workers, conduct strategic research on the global political and private sector interests responsible for the attacks on public sector jobs and unions, and coordinate campaigns to defend the rights and interests of educational support and cultural workers around the world as well as improve the quality of public education for all.

The meeting will also adopt a founding statement and a work plan for 2015-2017.

Participants are expected to arrive on 17th November.

This meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation, and the possibility of adding one more language as required.

For more information, please contact: sandra.vermuyten@world-psi.org

APUBA has blocked out a number of hotel rooms at the Hotel Ayacucho Palace and the Hotel Intersur, both located in the Recoleta neighbourhood, within walking distance to the School of Law at the University of Buenos Aires, where the meeting will be held. Please refer to ABUPA and the PSI Educational Support and Cultural Workers Network Meeting to receive the best rates.

Hotel Ayacucho Palace

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<http://www.ayacuchohotel.com.ar/>

Hotel Intersur

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Buenos Aires – Argentina
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Thanks to the support of the FES, limited sponsorships are available. For registration to the meeting and requests for sponsorship, please send a message to Clarisse.Heronneaud@world-psi.org by **25th October** at the latest.

In case you have not filled out the survey sent out to all PSI affiliates in July 2014 yesty, please do so now: <https://fr.surveymonkey.com/s/FBR3KD2>

We look forward to your participation in this meeting and our new PSI network!

In solidarity,



Rosa PAVANELLI
PSI General Secretary