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XII UBC General Conference "Investing in young people. Combating youth unemployment and marginalization - from words into action", Mariehamn, Åland, 1-4 October 2013

### **Uwe Polkaehn to speak at the XII UBC General Conference in Mariehamn**



The participants will hear his views on the youth prospects and participation in the society life. The full potential of the young generation is not fully mobilized. This is a loss for our societies and leads to frustration among the young generation, many of who do not find their place in the society. The economic crisis in Europe has dramatically worsened this situation. What can we do to ensure, that young people gain proper education and training, find work opportunities and become integral members of our societies?

Uwe Polkaehn has been the President of the Confederation of German Trade Unions Region Northern Germany (DGB Bezirk Nord) since February 2010. The Confederation strives for a society founded on solidarity. The DGB offers future-oriented concepts for a social market economy which is tailored to the changed social conditions of today. Mr Polkaehn is a SPD member with the rich experience in local policy.

The UBC General Conference in Mariehamn will focus on difficult situation regarding the high level of youth unemployment in the Baltic Sea Region. The youth representatives, as well as the cities, will both prepare their plan of action to combat youth unemployment and marginalization. The guiding principle in all proceedings is "combating youth unemployment and marginalization - from words into action".

The bi-annual General Conference is the highest organ and central event of the UBC, the main organisation and representative of the local authorities in the BSR.

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**More information and registration to the conference at:**

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