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The association “Labournet.de e.V.”

- Labournet.de e.V. is a non-profit-association that organizes political education for an alternative society
- The “e.V”. means, that it is a registered, legal association
- People can donate to the association and have a profit during the yearly tax-return (130 people currently)
- The best known and important project is the sponsoring of the web-editor LabourNet Germany with the website “www.labournet.de”
Description of the Diagram I

- **The supporters:**
  - People who appreciate the labournet-website, the daily newsletter, the services and the information-bulletins.
  - They donate money

- **The Foundation:**
  - In the background of our work there is the foundation “Menschenwürde und Arbeitswelt” in Berlin who guarantees our work with monthly money, too

- **The Board:**
  - Three persons are elected from the members of labournet who control the work of the non-profit-organization “LabourNet Germany e.V.”
The Editors:

- The non-profit-making-organization “LabourNet Germany e.V.” pays 2 journalists, the equipment, the costs of the web-site etc.
- There is no control of what they are writing and publishing, neither from the board-members, nor from the supporters and not from the foundation!
- These two journalists, Mag Wompel (chief editor) and Helmut Weiss, produce the web-site www.labournet.de and the daily newsletter
Files:
- More than 12,000 files in different categories

Visitors per month:
- February 2004: 94,177 Visitors from 63,468 different PCs called 574,186 pages with 6.8 GB of Data-Volume
- November 2003: 95,590 Visitors from 62,146 different PCs called 440,693 pages with 7.4 GB of Data-Volume

Technique
- All files in html, pdf, jpg, mp3 and video-streams (wmf)
- Now we are in a relaunch and we are looking for experts who can help us to integrate php-scripts and a Content-Management-System (cms)
The daily Newsletter from Labournet

Newsletters:

- The newsletter is published daily from Monday to Friday
- The newsletter contains the list of files published on the web-site on this day
- The newsletter is free of charge
- 1,800 people have subscribed to the newsletter including all politicians, all great labour-unions and management of the employers...
- The newsletter is distributed in a lot of other forums too, so we will reach even a lot more people (approx. 5,000)
The web-site: … Part II

- Header with Sponsor
- Current Highlights: e.g. Union education for work councils with less money
- About Labournet; Contact; Members, Newsletter, Search
- Our Specials: e.g. Maatwerk from Netherlands
- Discussion board
- Solidarity Pages
- Anti War Movement
- Cooperation Partners

- Branches
- International
- Calendar, Events
- Galleries & Columns
The web-site: ... Part III

Articles related for Daimler-Chrysler specially in USA: e.g. Daimler Chrysler: Workers win on wages, but job cuts may continue – by Martha Grevatt Member – UAW Local

More related articles about Daimler/Chrysler worldwide
The Practice of Social-Politics in Germany

- Social politic News
- The newest cuts in social services
- Labor Market News and working poor
- The War against unemployed people
- Unemployment reality
- The newest laws
- Background Information
- Campaigns against it
- ...
The actual wars in this world (extract)

Opinions and Comments from unions

The related articles, links etc.: e.g. about 11. September
As shown, the special character of LabourNet Germany is the wide range of topics we deal with.

The philosophy behind this is to start necessary debates about important questions in our society:

- What kind of non-capitalistic-society system we are looking for?
- What role (as socially necessary) labour will have in such a society?
- What kind of living- and working-conditions we are looking for?
- What’s the role of labour-movement in the fight for a society like this?

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The Themes and Philosophy II

- Classic Themes as e.g. collective bargaining in different branches and unions, the debates about it, left wing critics and so on ... are standard and a service for the readers
- But our work includes the national and international movement in a really broad sense:
  - Struggles, strikes ...
  - Internationalism
  - Antifascism
  - Antiracism
  - Working class history
  - Production and ecology
  - War and peace
  - ...
- Always looked upon from a unionists point of view
So we cover different functions in our daily work, doing our daily updates:

- We centralize a lot of interesting and important news other newspapers and media don’t do
- We link to newspapers and other media pages where the sources vary from mainstream to left
- But we also have daily contributions and input from really a lot of unionists in Germany and an increasing number of people outside the established unions and outside of Germany

So we are both: a newsstand and a community
Our aim is that people intervene in politics which affect them, that they build networks and start to get active in the sense of solidarity.

Therefore we are proud of the fact, that 90% of our news are contributions of our readers.

And this means all types of readers:
- Those waged and unwaged
- Those living from social welfare
- and migrants

Together with the left unions and with the social movements worldwide.

In other words, we are working for real union-movement as part of an international social movement.
We publish interesting news you never find in the middleclass media nor in unionist-press.

We started as a forum of the left in labour unions and in the workplaces.

Now we are also a hinge between the left in the unions, the anti-war-movement since the war in Kosovo, the movement of the unemployed and the students movement since the war of our government on the social-security-system and to the other national and international movements since Seattle and the different social forums too.
We attribute the great acceptance of our work to different principles:

- Being part of the union movement, but not limited on it, being open for all left sources
- Being a news stand and a community at the same time
- Being financially totally independent from unions or parties
- And, of course, nobody can associate us with any political party

If you are interested in a cooperation please contact us via our web site!