



# Solicomm.net

## – Free email for trade unionists

## The Solidarity Communications System

SoliComm is a set of computer communication tools which can be used by labour organizations for building networks, organizing educational activities, conducting campaigns and more. It has components for email, computer conferencing, maintaining websites and searching labour sites on the web.

### Email

SoliComm's email services can be used via the World Wide Web and through the use of email programs installed on computers. It can provide private email services (user@solicomm.net) as well as email lists. (An email list allows groups to communicate by addressing their emails to one address such as unions@solicomm.net).

Any unionist may have a SoliComm email address. Labour organizations in developing and emerging-market countries may apply for an email list service.

### Conferencing

Computer conferencing is designed especially for group work such as online meetings of union representatives or labour education courses. A conference is a collection of computer messages shared by a particular group.

Computer conferencing helps build the group solidarity that is essential to union work.

SoliComm's computer conferencing works in two ways. SoliComm Online allows users to access conferences via the World Wide Web. SoliComm Offline is a computer program users install in their computers. It is designed so users can read and write conference messages while not connected to the Internet (offline). This is essential for regions where the Internet is expensive and/or telephone costs are high.

### Websites

SoliComm provides computer space for labour organizations from developing and emerging market countries to maintain websites. The organizations are provided with the software they need to create web site files and transmit them to the central web computer.

### SoliComm Search engine

The SoliComm search engine allows people to search 200 of the world's largest web sites. Eventually all labour sites on the Internet will be searchable.

**Registration:** To register in SoliComm go to: [www.solicomm.net](http://www.solicomm.net)

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