

Peter Scherrer

Born in Clarholz/Westphalia, Germany in 1959

Peter Scherrer, previously worked for the German Metalworkers' Trade Union (IG Metall) in Frankfurt, where he held the post of European Industrial Policy officer.

Before that, he spent three years (2011-2014) as Labour Director with ArcelorMittal Bremen, and was General Secretary of the European Metalworkers' Federation (EMF) from 2005-2011.

Peter was born in Clarholz, Westphalia in Germany. He started his working life at the age of 14 as an apprentice metalworker, and was later employed as a welder, truck driver and postman. During the 1980s, he studied history, social sciences and journalism in Germany and the UK, obtaining a Master's degree in history from the University of Bielefeld in 1989.

From 1990 onwards, Peter held a number of trade union and NGO positions in Germany and the Balkans. From 1998-2002 he was Editor-in-Chief of the South-East Europe Review for Labour and Social Affairs (SEER).

Employment

2014 –

IG Metall (German Metalworkers Trade Union)

Officer for European Industrial Policy

2011- 2014

ArcelorMittal Bremen

HR Management / Labour Director

2005 - 2011

European Metalworkers' Federation

General Secretary

2003 - 2005

IG Metall, Düsseldorf

Policy Officer in the "Steel Branch Office"

1998 - 2002

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung / ETUI

Editor-in-Chief of the "South-East Europe Review for Labour and Social Affairs"

1992 - 1998

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung

Head of International Relations

1990 – 1992

Trade Union of Horticulture, Agriculture and Forestry Workers (GGLF), Kassel

International Secretary, press spokesman and Assistant to the President

1977-1979

Welder, truck driver and postman

Education

1986-1989

University of Bielefeld

MA in History

1985-1986

University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Social sciences and history

1982-1984

Free University of Berlin

History, sociology, journalism

1980-1982

Westfalen College, Bielefeld

1974-1977

CLAAS GmbH Harsewinkel

Apprenticeship metalworker

Trade Union activities

1990 - 1993

ETUC Youth Committee

Member

1990 - 1992

Various study groups of the **European Economic and Social Committee**

Expert

1974 - 1977

Youth Committee of CLAAS GmbH Group

Chairman

Other

Member of SPD, Berlin

Languages

German: mother tongue

English: fluent

French: intermediate