Showing strength—Australia’s role in creating a more democratic workplace

Presenter:
Russell Lansbury
Professor of Work and Organisational Studies, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Sydney

Venue: RMIT Storey Hall Auditorium
Level 5, 336-348 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Enquiries:
www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/lansbury
Email peter.fairbrother@rmit.edu.au
Tel. Cathy Brigden 03 9925 5915

In this inaugural RMIT Global Work and Employment Lecture, Professor Lansbury will discuss recent Australian and international experiences and outline future challenges for workplace democracy.

The global financial crisis provides an opportunity for Australia to undertake reforms which will create a more democratic workplace. This will require a new social settlement between government, employers and unions which not only restores and extends collective bargaining rights but also strengthens workers’ legal rights to participate in decision making at the enterprise level. In the global era, Australia should also play a more active role in supporting efforts by international bodies, such as the ILO, to promote decent jobs which embody core labour standards.

Professor Lansbury was the foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Industrial Relations Research and Training (now the Workplace Research Centre) at the University of Sydney. He has served on numerous government, industry and professional bodies. He has been a consultant to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). He is the current President of the International Industrial Relations Association (IIRA) based at the ILO in Geneva.