

Association for worker and industrial memory of Creil Basin

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**What part does a local association can play ?
An example : l'AMOI**

Further to the colloquium « History and industrial heritage of the department Oise », organized in 2007 in the Departmental Archives of Oise (Beauvais, in France), and after the inventory of industrial sites carry out recently, the Association for worker and industrial memory of Creil Basin (AMOI: Association pour la Mémoire Ouvrière et industrielle du bassin creillois) still wonders about pertinence of its action, reactions created and lessons to learn from that. There from the initial project, which have evolved, by the presentation of « *the prestigious industrial past of Creil Basin and its consequences on the urban space* »¹ and the everyday life, how influence decisions of local authorities, which must face economic and social difficulties, so that the industrial history and work memory find their place at last, and for conservation and valuation of quite some patrimonial « *jewels* » ?

Big works of territorial restructuration in the Creil Basin (75 000 unhabitants, and which is at 50 km in the North of Paris, in France) all around the station and the ancient factories district, shows that every actor can look at the future without leaving history behind, hear overtake negative picture without forget worker life and social struggles, technical advances and urban space occupied by these factories. Decision-makers and conception-makers should also discuss of that with current population which is directly concerned ! For its part, the AMOI, which is an association built between memory and history, heritage et economy, culture and tourism, doesn't content itself of being « *a local history society* » and fully intend to play its role for continuing to make sensitive people in industrial heritage.

For the administration's council, Thierry Dublange (4.12.2014)

¹ In italics, Jean-Pierre Besse (1949-2012) says , Doctor of History, honorary president of AMOI.