

Education Programme 2025 –2026

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Welcome to the General Federation of Trade Unions Educational Trust's (GFTUET) education programme for 2025-2026.

Trade union education is central to developing the growing, combative trade union movement we need to face the challenges of the next few years. At GFTU, we are committed to providing that education. Thousands of trade union members, reps, branch officers and wider movement activists applied for and attended the fantastic courses on our 2024-2025 programme.

Building on our growing success, as we continue to strengthen our educational offer for all, we are proud to present our biggest education programme yet.

Combining the best of online learning, webinars and workshops with high-quality residential courses, we believe this year's programme provides the foundations for further union renewal.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful space at the 'Workers Retreat', Quorn Grange Hotel, providing us with the ultimate union education centre.

To support and expand the work of our Educational Trust this year, we have launched our 'Education Fund' scheme. This provides union branches, union regions and local trades councils with the ability to access our programme for an annual donation, providing the investment we need to grow, and deepening our reach across the labour movement.


We have continued to listen to our affiliates and attendees of our programme and have developed further brand-new courses for this year. These include: handling disciplinarys and grievances, negotiation skills, disability equality for all trade unionists and our branch officers development course, to name a few.

We hope you will join our exciting educational offer for 2025-2026. Make sure you book early to avoid disappointment.

We cannot wait to welcome you on a GFTUET course soon.

In solidarity,


Gawain Little
 General Secretary


Sarah Woolley
 President

FOREWORD

About GFTU Educational Trust Courses

We all learn differently and at the GFTU we pride ourselves on providing topical and thought-provoking learning opportunities for all. We apply a range of approaches in the classroom, in conferences, live performances or practical hands-on experiences. Through learning, we develop an understanding that stays with us, empowering us to make a difference, to make more informed choices and to support others to make a difference for themselves, their union, family, and communities.

Our aim is to inspire, educate and support trade union activists across the UK and beyond. You may be a new union member just finding out about how to get more involved in your union or a seasoned activist, a full-time union officer, or possibly something in between.

All are welcome at GFTU Educational Trust courses, and everyone has something new to learn.

Register for Updates

Our regular Education Bulletin outlines new learning opportunities, provides useful learning resources, and keeps you up to date on any changes to our courses. To register your interest in receiving these updates, go here: gftuet.org.uk/mailling-list.

How to Apply

Visit gftuet.org.uk/education to book onto any course.

Attending GFTU Residential Courses

We pride ourselves on welcoming a rich diversity of union members to our courses. We create a safe, tolerant space for everyone to participate and grow irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. Our training programmes are run by experienced trade union educators who build courses that are lively, challenging, and participative. There will always be someone on hand to support you at all stages of your training programme – leading up to the course, during the course and afterwards (especially around helping you to deliver your action points). Residential courses are held at Quorn Grange Hotel in Leicestershire, owned by GFTU, with all surpluses going back into running more courses and supporting the trade union movement. It is a first-class hotel with brilliant facilities and excellent food. You can find out more information about the hotel by visiting their website via quorngrangehotel.co.uk.

Any Questions?

Contact our Education Coordinator Mark Robinson, via markr@gftu.org.uk or by calling **01509410978** if you have any questions about our courses.



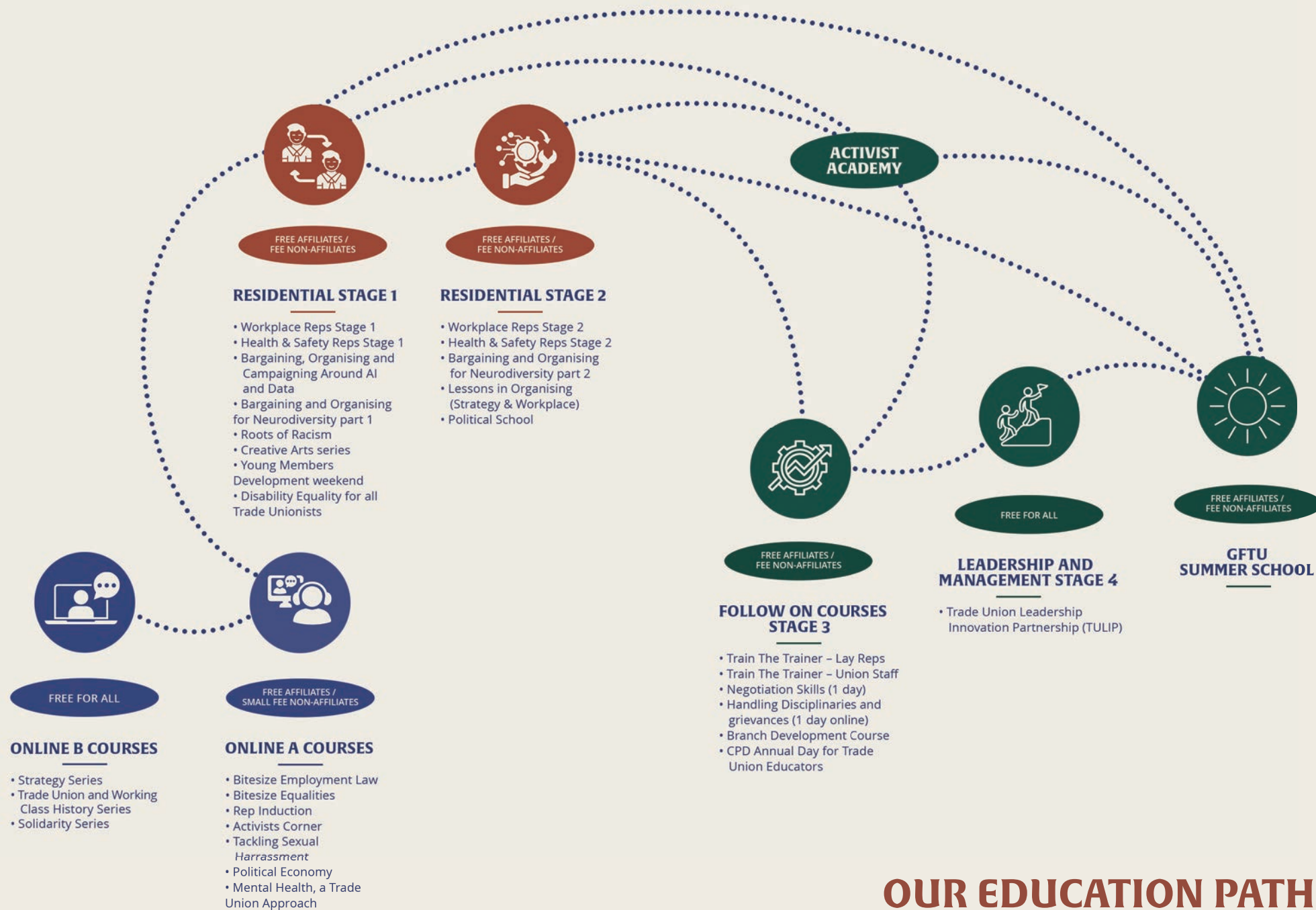
OUR PRINCIPLES

Following a review of our practice of education and discussion amongst ourselves, and our affiliates, the GFTU Educational Trust has agreed a strategic set of principles that will underpin our delivery of education for the coming years. These have been endorsed by both the GFTU Executive Committee and by the Education Officers of our affiliate unions.

Our principles are:

- To provide and develop an understanding of the political & economic context (of political economy and the underlying struggle between labour and capital) within which all Trade Unions operate.
 - To provide and develop an understanding of the political & economic context which has shaped, and which continues to shape, the historic development of Trade Unions.
 - To provide the skills and knowledge base needed to develop confident and well-informed activists in order to build and hone collective power.
 - To see that our educational practice is informed by our commitment to the values of equality, diversity, and inclusion.
 - To ensure that GFTU education is forged through our commitments to social justice, the empowering of communities, and internationalism.
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These principles will be applied to all courses and events, whatever their subject matter.



COURSES

Activists' Academy

Alongside high-quality courses throughout the year, those who sign up to any of our Workplace Reps stage 1 courses will be enrolled in our Activists' Academy.

Our academy will link all students with an experienced trade union mentor and be able to speak with other peers, through our peer-to-peer network.

This academy bridges the gap between the incredible learning experiences we all have on union education courses with the reality of implementing what we have learned when we get back to the workplace.

We will undertake a full review of the academy and its impact before developing further.



To find out more about our activists' academy please get in touch via e-mail: campaigns@gftu.org.uk

Activists' Corner

We all like to learn and develop skills that can support our trade union activity. This series of sessions will focus on practical tools and skills that you can take back to your workplace.

Throughout Activists' Corner sessions, you will be able to build your toolkit for building power at work and growing the strength of your union to make meaningful change.

This course is provided online and will be capped at 16 participants to ensure as much participation as possible. All pupils will be provided with a Google Classroom for access to resources, session recordings and materials used.

The sessions will be delivered by a mixture of activists and specialists in their subject and is a great chance to develop all your skills further.

Date	Session Title	Tutor	Time	Application Deadline
9th Oct 2025	Using the Media and the Press	Polly Smythe	7 pm	25th Sep 2025
13th Nov 2025	Knowledge is power: research to win	Izzy G	7 pm	23rd Oct 2025
10th Dec 2025	Handling disciplinaries and grievances	Les Doherty	7 pm	26th Nov 2025
12th Feb 2026	How to design a good leaflet and poster	Tom Greenwood	7 pm	29th Jan 2026
11th Mar 2026	Strike threats	Robert Ovetz	7 pm	26th Feb 2026
9th Apr 2026	Mapping your workplace with Mel Jenner	Mel Jenner	7 pm	26th Mar 2026
14th May 2026	Writing good workplace bulletins with Lydia Hughes	Lydia Hughes	7 pm	30th Apr 2026

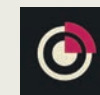
Price:

This includes all materials and access to a Google Classroom

Affiliates: Free

Strike Map rep network: Free

Non-affiliates: £70 (£10 a session)



Creative Activism

A key part of our mission is the development, promotion and utilisation of our culture across the movement. We are committed to safeguarding working class culture as a key part of our identity. That is why new to the 2025-2026 programme, we have developed the Creative Activism series, linking together our culture and activism.

Each session provides an opportunity to engage directly in creative activism and produce a piece of art with meaning, whilst learning new skills and approaches. All materials are covered in the cost of the course and no prior experience is necessary.

These courses are half days delivered across venues in the UK with expert tutors and organisations.

Date	Session Title	Tutor	Venue	Time	Deadline
4th April 2026	Art and Agitation	Zita Holbourne	Marx Memorial Library	12 – 4 pm	21st Mar 2026
21st Mar 2026	Songs and Strikes	Ben Lunn	Working Class Movement Library	12 – 4 pm	7th Mar 2026

Price:
This includes all course materials.

Affiliates: £50
Non-affiliates: £100

Branch Officers’ Development course

A brand-new course on this year’s programme. Our branch officers’ development course is ideal for anyone who has a branch role across our movement. This course is aimed at supporting the development of those that coordinate stewards and workplace reps across an employer or geography.

You might have been in your role for a short time or a long time, this course will review different branch models across the movement and challenge us to discuss what makes an effective branch.

We will include as part of this course a clear understanding of coaching, mentoring, activist ID and how we develop workplace reps/stewards within our branch. We will also focus on strategies for building activism within our movement and exploring theories of trade union renewal.

Term	Residential Dates	Venue	Application Deadline
Summer	18th –19th May 2026	Quorn Grange Hotel	4th May 2026

Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £300

Bargaining and Organising for Neurodiversity *Part I & II*

Part I

In this two-day in person course for union reps and activists, we will learn the meaning of the term ‘neurodiversity’ and related terms such as neurodiverse, neurodivergent, neurotypical. This course will enable participants to be confident in Identifying and understanding six neurodivergent conditions, understand aspects of neurodiversity and neurodivergent experience, e.g., spectrum, social judgements and understand the social model of disability and apply it to neurodivergence.

This course will give practical advice, support, and strategies to help participants identify barriers that workplaces and working conditions present to neurodivergent workers and measures to remove or reduce them, identify workplace changes that will benefit neurodivergent workers and understand the role of the trade union representative in bargaining, campaigning, and representing for change.

Part II

This is a brand-new course in this year’s programme. This is aimed at those that have completed stage 1 from our last programme or those more experienced with bargaining and organising for neurodiversity.

This follow on curse will deepen understanding, explore the change we need across our workplaces and inform discussions across our movement.

Session Title	Term	Residential Dates	Application Deadline
Bargaining and Organising for Neurodiversity part 1	Summer	7th – 8th May 2026	23rd Apr 2026
Bargaining and Organising for Neurodiversity part 2	Summer	18th – 19th June 2026	4th Jun 2026

Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £300

Bargaining, Organising & Campaigning Around AI and Data

A two-day in person course for union reps and activists to build confidence on how AI is changing our workplaces and world, and how unions can utilise digital tech to build power.

The course combines two key themes: organising **on** AI and organising **with** AI.

Organising on AI cuts through the hype to demystify AI and to critically understand the political context of technological change, and to dig into strategies and tools for collectively challenging and negotiating with the employer. Organising with AI introduces the technical background to AI and how unions are leveraging these tools to make our organisations more effective, including driving ballot turn out and member communications.

The course will use interactive exercises and applied learning so that reps and activists come away feeling confident and empowered to negotiate and bargain with the employer around these critically important issues, and to advocate for responsible and effective use of these tools within unions.

Term	Residential Dates	Application Deadline
Summer	5th – 6th May 2026	21st April 2026

Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £300

Bitesize Equalities and Employment Law

BITESIZE EQUALITIES:

A series of ten 1-hour online sessions that will equip participants with the knowledge, tools, and imagination to understand and tackle inequalities in wealth, income, and power. From pay gaps to power structures, and from legislation to local communities, participants will explore how inequality is built into our systems and gain a clear sense of levers for meaningful change.

The course is delivered by the Equality Trust in partnership with expert-speakers

The sessions will cover:

- What is structural inequality?
- How inequality fuels our biggest crises
- Mind the gap: Pay disparities and ratios
- Exploring the Extreme Wealth Line
- Beyond box-ticking: Making equalities legislation count
- Be a Socio-Economic Duty (SED) changemaker
- Reimagining policy: Blending the margins and the mainstream
- Changing the architects of design: Co-production and participatory decision-making
- What’s next for equality?

Time	Course Starts	Course Ends	Application Deadline
6 pm	22nd Sep 2025	24th Nov 2025	8th Sep 2025

Price:

Includes all materials and access to a Google Classroom.
This is a ten-week course, every Monday at 6pm.

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £100 (£10 per session)



EMPLOYMENT LAW:

A series of ten 1-hour online sessions that will each examine a different aspect of employment law. Delivered in partnership with the Institute of Employment Rights (IER), each session will be focused on explaining the law in simple terms with the intention that union activists can use in their day-to-day activities.

The sessions will cover:

- What is next for employment and labour law?
- What we need from a further Employment Rights bill
- Understanding TUPE
- Limitations of Employment Law
- Redundancy
- Right to strike
- Grievances
- Time off for Trade Union Duties
- Fair pay agreements - collective bargaining?
- Disciplinary and Dismissal

Time	Course Starts	Course Ends	Application Deadline
6 pm	2nd Feb 2026	6th Apr 2026	19th Jan 2026

Price:

Includes all materials and access to a Google Classroom.
This is a ten-week course, every Monday at 6pm.

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £100 (£10 per session)



CPD Day for Professional Trade Union Tutors

We aim to bring together all professional trade union education tutors across the movement. You might deliver education and training as part of your full-time union staff role, or you might be a full-time trade union educator, working for a further education college. This continual professional development (CPD) day is for everyone to come together and discuss emerging technologies, curriculum and pedagogies for the best education and learning across our movement.

We recognise the incredible breadth of skills and experience across the union movement in the delivery of trade union education and believe providing the space for educators to come together is vital to strengthening activism in our unions.

This is a one-day course, delivered at the Workers’ Retreat, Quorn Grange Hotel in Loughborough.

Term	Residential Dates	Venue	Application Deadline
Summer	16th July 2026	Quorn Grange Hotel	2nd July 2026

Price:
This includes all course materials

Affiliates: £150
Non-affiliates: £150

Disability Equality for all Trade Unionists

With huge changes to equality law, practice and workplace policy and changes in Government policy, the role of equality for all disabled people is vital. The trade union movement must be at the forefront of these changes.

Utilising a social model of disability, this course is ideal for workplace reps, branch officers and those involved in trades union councils that want to take forward the importance of disability equality for all.

This is a two-day course, delivered at the Workers’ Retreat, Quorn Grange Hotel in Loughborough.

Term	Residential Dates	Venue	Application Deadline
Summer	29th – 30th Jun 2026	Quorn Grange Hotel	15th June 2026

Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £300

Empowering Workers: a trade union certificate in labour law and the labour movement

Labour Law courses generally focus on imparting to students what the law is. This is, of course, useful for the union activist or community organiser by providing a set of potential weapons to add to her armoury when defending or seeking to advance the interests of her constituency. But labour law is only one element of that armoury which covers industrial, political, negotiating, campaigning, historicising, thinking, and organising modes. To decide strategy or tactics to achieve the goal of defending and advancing the interests of her constituents, it is not only necessary to have a grasp of these elements but also to understand their interaction, their limits and utility.

This course examines labour law and labour movements as well as their history in the multi-faceted context of the struggle between social justice and market forces, for the improvement of the lives of workers, and seeks to provide insight into how and why the law operates as it does.

This unique approach will equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to make a difference through empowering workers.

In addition to the attended sessions, there are some great online learning materials that are included in the course, which can be accessed anytime.

Price:

£2150

The price includes accommodation for the residential session at Quorn Grange Hotel, as well as food, and course materials for all of the sessions outlined overleaf.

Application deadline: 12th September 2025

Empowering Workers: a trade union certificate in labour law and the labour movement

Date	Venue	What is Covered
9th –10th October 2025	GFTU Training Centre, Quorn Grange Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What labour law is and its historical, political and economic context• A short history of labour. The Declaration of Philadelphia and its significance.• A look at recent attempts at legal reform, including a critical look at the Employment Rights Bill 2025
19th March 2026	Birkbeck School of Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ways of organising, mobilising, and negotiating.• Working rights in times of crisis: how can we respond?
26th March 2026	Birkbeck School of Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fairness, social justice and the law.• Labour strategy and legal mobilisation. Labour, artificial intelligence and the law
6th –7th July 2025	Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unions and communities: linking struggles.• Strike action, action short of strike action, balloting, campaigning, disobedience and protest.• Boardrooms, works councils, votes at work and other forms of struggle.

Your Commitment

- Attend the residential session at Quorn Grange Hotel in Leicestershire and the four in-person days at Birkbeck School of Law and Hamilton House, London.
- Commit to group online sessions with programme tutors.
- Complete the “self-study” elements appropriate to the course.
- Have the backing of your union in terms of course fees and time to complete the course.



Course Accreditation

This course is accredited by Birkbeck School of Law as a short course.

Course Tutors

We have very deliberately established this as a blended programme with a mixture of residential and one-day in-person sessions. Teaching is led by Oscar Guardiola-Rivera, Professor of Human Rights and Political Philosophy at Birkbeck School of Law, together with Lord John Hendy KC, former Thompsons CEO Geoff Shears, and Prof. Keith Ewing of the Institute of Employment Rights. The programme is supplemented with contributions from several visiting speakers who have extensive experience of labour law, at senior levels in the trade union movement, in academia or as legal professionals.

Requirements for study

This course is designed to be accessible to trade union activists and no prior qualifications are necessary to enrol. Whilst some experience of trade union negotiations and campaigning are assumed, there is no expectation of legal understanding or prior legal knowledge in order to undertake this course.

The course is aimed at senior activists and aspiring senior activists in the trade union movement and we hope will provide a firm foundation in the history and politics of labour law and the labour movement for future trade union leaders.

GFTU Summer School

This is our annual opportunity to take stock and think about the future of the Movement and where we go next. As we look to build on recent organising and campaigning successes, the course will help participants to think strategically and embrace new ideas.

Our Summer School provides the space and stimulus for a bolder, bigger and better union Movement. This course is aimed at experienced and newer trade union activists who want an opportunity to think outside the box with key leaders from across the movement.

This summer school will be extra special as it will include the graduation of those that took part in the first ever pilot of the Activist Academy.

Term	Dates	Application Deadline
Summer	13th – 15th July 2026	29th June 2026



Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £425

Handling Disciplinarys and Grievances

We will explore the law, our rights and how to assert them during both disciplinarys and grievances. More than that, this course will provide all representative and caseworkers with useful strategies and tactics to effectively support members.

Those applying will ideally have undertaken either Workplace Reps 1 or Workplace Reps 2 with us. It will build on these foundational courses.

This is a one-day online course, and we expect this to fill up quickly.

Term	Dates	Time	Application Deadline
Spring	23rd April 2026	10 am – 4 pm	9th April 2026

Price:
This includes all course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £125

Health & Safety Reps 1 & 2

Stage 1 (5 days)

The essential first course for new union representatives – both shop stewards and safety representatives. The course is split into a 3-day residential course followed by two further days delivered online. We will explore the trade union approach to health and safety, how to spot and deal with safety hazards, the rights and responsibilities of union representatives, and the main aspects of health and safety legislation. We will also cover how to carry out safety inspections and participate in safety committees.

Term	Residential Dates	Online Dates	Application Deadline
Autumn	8th–10th Oct 2025	13th–14th Nov 2025	24th Sep 2025
Spring	12th–14th Jan 2026	12th–13th Feb 2026	29th Dec 2025
Summer	26th–28th May 2026	25th–26th Jun 2026	12th May 2026

Stage 2 (5 days)

Building on the Stage 1 course, this course is suitable for new representatives wanting to develop their knowledge and skills and is also suitable as a refresher for more senior representatives. The course is split into a 3-day residential course followed by two further days delivered online. We will build knowledge of workplace safety legislation and how this can be used to not only ensure a safer workplace but also as a tool for building wider union organisation.

Term	Residential Dates	Online Dates	Application Deadline
Spring	26th–28th Jan 2026	26th–27th Feb 2026	12th Jan 2026
Spring	23rd–25th Mar 2026	23rd–24th Apr 2026	9th Mar 2026
Summer	8th–10th Jun 2026	9th–10th Jul 2026	25th May 2026

Price:

This includes accommodation, food, and course materials.

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £450

Lessons in Organising Strategy and Workplace

The ‘turn to organising’ in the trade union movement represents an important development that has helped support renewal across the labour movement. However, commitments to develop an ‘organising agenda’ in trade unions can sometimes be more apparent than real. The term itself carries many different meanings and this can add to the confusion. In this course we draw on the book ‘*Lessons in Organising*’, and a wide range of other sources, to develop a deeper understanding of what organising is, and how organising approaches can help build union power.

There are two versions of the programme. *Lessons in Organising - Strategy* is aimed at trade union leaders and those with roles as organisers. It looks at how to develop a strategic approach to organising including establishing organising cultures in trade unions. *Lessons in Organising - Workplace* is ideal for union workplace reps/stewards and branch officers and looks at combining local strategies with practical steps to develop effective organising across branches and workplaces.

Please register for the course that is closest to your role within the union movement.

The course tutor is Professor Howard Stevenson. He has extensive experience as a researcher and activist and is one of the co-authors of ‘*Lessons in Organising*’.

Term	Title	Residential Dates	Application Deadline
Spring	Lessons in Organising strategy	11th–13th Feb 2026	28th Jan 2026
Summer	Lessons in Organising Workplace	11th–13th May 2026	27th Apr 2026

Price:

This includes accommodation, food, and course materials

STRATEGY
Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £450

WORKPLACE
Affiliates: Free
Strike Map rep network: Free
Non-affiliates: £400



Mental health: A Trade Union Response

A record number of people are out of work due to long term sickness. We are facing a growing mental health crisis in our society. The role of our trade unions is to organise a response. Collectivising around mental health and understanding it is a health and safety issue is vital.

This course will look to equip trade union reps for union strategies to this growing crisis.

This one-day course is delivered online.

Term	Dates	Application Deadline
Summer	13th May 2026	29th April 2026

Price:
This includes all course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £125

Negotiation Skills

This a brand new one-day course requested by many from our affiliates and will be delivered in person at the Workers’ Retreat, Quorn Grange Hotel, Loughborough. We will be covering what makes negotiations successful, where does negotiating power come from and how do we involve and engage members in negotiations.

This course is ideal for those that have undertaken either Workplace Reps 1 or Workplace Reps 2 with us. It will build on these foundational courses, utilising theory as well as practice, with our famous negotiations’ scenario role play activity.

We expect this course to be booked up quickly, please register early to avoid disappointment.

Term	Residential Dates	Application Deadline
Spring	23rd March 2026	9th March 2026

Price:
This includes all course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £150

Political Schools

These new courses build on our successful Political course in parliament from our 2024-2025 programme. Three connected sessions across the year, our political schools will look at the role of trade unions in influencing parliament, the political world around us and our economy.

Our politics and parliament school explores the relationship between the trade union movement and parliament, the nature of the state and how we can make use of parliament to help effect change. A morning of exploring politics and the state in the classroom is followed by an afternoon in Parliament, meeting with an MP to discuss parliamentary procedure and taking a tour of the House of Commons.

Our politics and the economy school explores how politics is grounded in the economic base of our society and, in turn, impacts on that economic base. The course is co-taught by GFTU tutors and members of the economics department at SOAS, University of London. No prior study of economics is required for this course, which is accessible to all trade union activists.

Our politics and trade unions school draws all of this learning together to explore the role of trade unions in bringing political change. During the two days at Quorn, we will explore in more detail how mass engagement of membership, an understanding of economics and strategic use of parliament can combine to make trade unions powerful political players in bringing change. Attending the politics and parliament school and the politics and the economy school are not strict requirements of attending this course but having attended at least one of these will be advantageous.

Term	Session Title	Dates	Venue	Application Deadline
Autumn	Politics and Parliament	15th Oct 2025	Parliament	1st Oct 2025
Spring	Politics and the Economy	25th Feb 2026	SOAS, Univ. of London	11th Feb 2026
Summer	Politics and Trade Unions	6th-7th Jul 2026	Quorn Grange Hotel	22nd Jun 2026

Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials

POLITICS & PARTLIAMENT / THE ECONOMY
Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £150

POLITICS & TRADE UNIONS
Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £300

Political Economy Conference

Part sponsored by Lipman-Miliband Trust, we are hosting our first political economy conference for UK trade unionists.

This conference is for all levels of unionists who'd like to actively participate in a discussion and take it back to their union and branch. We will together reflect where the UK trade union movements are, what we have achieved and what the current challenges are, and where we should be heading in the short- and long-term future.

The speakers will be both academics and trade union leaders, who will guide the conversation around each topic.

- What would the economy look like, if it was rebuilt in the interest of the workers?
- What is political economy and why does it matter for trade unions?
- Post-Brexit UK economy: Austerity, privatisation, and no growth
- The world after Trump: Tariffs, nationalism, and authoritarianism
- How do we bring political economy into our fights?

We start by imagining what alternative economies may look like, if it was geared in favour of the workers, not capital. Then we lay out the foundation by defining political economy, and its importance for the trade union and working-class movements. The two following sessions delve into the domestic and international economies, respectively, with group activities. We then finish by devising concrete plans to implement the points discussed at branch/union level.

Term	Residential Dates	Time	Venue	Application Deadline
Autumn	28th – 29th Nov 2025	(28th) 6:30 pm	Quorn Grange Hotel	14th Nov 2025
		(29th) 4:15 pm		

Price:
This includes accommodation night of 28th November, food, and course materials.

£200 | Places are funded for 15 participants who meet our selection criteria, courtesy of the Lipman-Miliband Trust

Political Economy for Beginners

This political economy for beginners course is for anyone interested in the reasons why things are so bad for the workers and what can be done about it.

If you have questions like:

- ‘why are we working more, yet our lives getting harder?’
- ‘what are the bosses doing? why are they paid so much?’,
- ‘why is there so much poverty and inequality?’
- ‘why is there no housing and decent jobs available?’
- ‘what can be done to challenge the status quo?’

...then this course is for you.

The course is designed to develop a class understanding by making complex information and political language accessible. This course will diagnose the problem, propose a solution and the tools to fight. It will form the basis for a progressive alternative economic, political and industrial strategy for Britain, so we can start tilting back the social balance in favour of labour not capital.

It is to help you within your own union, at work, and wider political/community campaigning and organising. Participants will be encouraged to draw on their experience as active TU members to build and widen knowledge.

The course material will be based on the upcoming book ‘Out of the Ruins: Rebuilding the British Economy’ by Larry Elliott, Costas Lapavistas, and Doug Nicholls.

Title	Dates	Time	Venue	Application Deadline
Dire straits	3 June 2026	All day	Quorn Grange Hotel	20th May 2026
For a change of direction	24 June 2026	5 –7 pm	Online	
Overcoming the obstacles	15 July 2026	5 –7 pm	Online	
The politics of change	5 August 2026	All day	Quorn Grange Hotel	

Price:

This includes food, a copy of the book and course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £400

Political Economy International School

This online international seminar series is built upon the joint Lecture Series in Advanced Political Economy (SAPE) by SOAS University of London and The New School for Social Research in New York in 2021-23.

With an additional partner The Center for Heterodox Economics (CHE) at the University of Tulsa, this seminar series will connect the academic discussions to the real-world power struggle and workers’ everyday lives.

We will talk about current affairs, trends in production and work, and their implications on trade unions and the working-class movement. Each week, we will invite leading experts on the subject and analyse what’s been going on by identifying key challenges. Together with the audience, we want to think about how we can fight against the challenges and build a movement toward a more systematic change.

Time	Dates	Session Title	Deadlines
6 – 8 pm	15th October 2025	The changing world order: Tariff, Trade war, and more	1st Oct 2025
	29th October 2025	Imperialism: Economics of the armament and militarism	15th Oct 2025
	12th November 2025	Cost of living crisis and inflation	29th Oct 2025
	26th November 2025	Austerity and fiscal policy	12th Nov 2025
	10th December 2025	Welfare regime and capitalism: housing, pensions, and healthcare	26th Nov 2025
	21st January 2026	Global value chains and what they mean for international workers’ solidarity	7th Jan 2026
	4th February 2026	Immigration and labour	21st Jan 2026
	18th February 2026	The rise of AI and the changes in work and employment	4th Feb 2026
	4th March 2026	Social reproduction and precarious and unpaid labour	18th Feb 2026
	18th March 2026	Climate and ecological crisis and the role of trade unions	4th Mar 2026

Price:

Affiliates and Non-affiliates: Free

Roots of Racism

The course will be led by the prominent trade unionist Roger McKenzie. We will be looking at understanding the context of racism and where it comes from, the rise and mainstreaming of the far right, as well as challenging racism in the workplace and the community.

Term	Residential Dates	Application Deadline
Spring	5th – 6th May 2026	21st April 2026



Roger McKenzie
A trade union activist with extensive experience of work on race equality issues and in particular in building Black self-organised structures within the trade union movement. Roger is former Assistant General Secretary of Unison, former Regional Secretary TUC, former Race Equality Officer TUC, former Race Equality Officer PCS, former Trade Union studies lecturer at Manchester College and Northeast London College.

Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials.

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £300

Roots of Racism



Strategy Series

Strategy is not just a word. Strategy is about how we all within the trade union and wider labour movement build the power and capacity to improve workers lives. The employers have strategy, the managers have strategy, and it is vital that as a united labour movement we build our own. This series will include discussions from leading thinkers on; reviving the trade union movement, how we build union strategy, the role of women and feminist approaches to our unions, strategies for developing activists and the capacity to win campaigns big and small.

Time	Dates	Session Title	Speaker	Application Deadline
7 pm	18th Sep 2025	What's wrong with the global economy?	Costas Lapavitsas	4th Sep 2025
	20th Nov 2025	The rise of American Labour and opposing Trumpism	Sara Nelson	6th Nov 2025
	19th Feb 2026	Re-building working class representation	Peter Mertens	5th Feb 2025
	19th Mar 2026	Lessons from the largest strike in history	Ashok Dhawale	5th Mar 2026
	21st May 2026	How do we deal with activist burnout?	Hannah Proctor	7th May 2026

Price:
These online sessions will each last for 60 minutes and begin at 7pm.

Affiliates and Non-affiliates: Free

Strategy Series



Costas Lapavitsas
Professor of Economics at SOAS, University of London. His research has focused on the Eurozone and the financialisation of capitalism. Widely published in the academic field, taught at several well-known universities.



Sara Nelson
International President of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO since 2014, representing 55,000 of aviation's first responders at 20 airlines. The New York Times called her "America's most powerful flight attendant".



Peter Mertens
Belgian MP and leader of the Workers' Party of Belgium. He has authored numerous books, on the Euro, trade unions, fascism, class and capitalism. His latest book "Mutiny" is to now published in English.



Ashok Dhawale
President of the All India Kisan Sabha. A medical doctor by training, he began activism as a student. He was drawn into the Kisan movement by the legendary Godavari Parulekar.



Hannah Proctor
Academic at University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. Burnout: The Emotional Experience of Political Defeat (Verso, 2024). Member of the editorial collective of Radical Philosophy and contributing editor at Parapraxis.

Tackling Sexual Harassment

A one-day online course to help workplace representatives understand the nature of workplace sexual harassment, how to spot it and how to deal with it. It will explore reasons why sexual harassment is often not reported and the steps that unions and employers should take to ensure that harassment is taken seriously.

This course is delivered in partnership with Morrish Solicitors.

Term	Online Dates	Application Deadline
Spring	10th March 2026	24th February 2026



Ranjit O'Mahony

Ranjit is a Senior Solicitor in the employment team. She has over 18 years' experience advising individuals and trade unions in all manner of employment tribunal claims including discrimination, unfair dismissal, whistleblowing, protective awards and TUPE. She deals with complex employment tribunal claims from inception to completion. Ranjit also regularly delivers training to unions and associations, both online and in person.

Price:
This is an online course.

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £125



Trade Union and Working Class History

Following the success of last year's programme of online courses, we will be running another trade union and working-class history series.

This year's course focuses specifically on the role played by women in trade union and working class history.

Time	Date	Session Title
7 pm	25th Sep 2025	Women in radical movements 1780-1850
	30th Oct 2025	New Unionism & Eleanor Marx
	27th Nov 2025	The Matchwomen's Strike
	29th Jan 2026	Mary McArthur and the National Federation of Working Women
	26th Feb 2026	The 1918 Equal Pay Strike
	26th Mar 2026	The General Strike and its Aftermath
	30th Apr 2026	Day Nurseries & 'British Restaurants': Women Workers in WW2
	28th May 2026	Part-Time Work in the Post-War Years
	25th Jun 2026	The Ford Dagenham Strike
	30th July 2026	Trico: The Longest Equal Pay Strike

Price:
These online sessions will each last for 90 minutes

Affiliates and Non-affiliates: Free



Trade Union Leadership and Innovation Programme (TULIP)

As working people and their trade unions face unprecedented challenges, our Movement needs leaders with the skills, ideas, and drive to make the world a better and fairer place. This programme is aimed at those in middle and senior management roles in trade unions who are looking for a course that will help them reflect on their work, and the importance of developing as effective and ethical leaders of large, complex organisations. It draws on established research in leadership and management, across a range of issues, and applies this critically to the very specific context of democratic, member-led trade unions.

The course provides a unique combination of cutting-edge theory and research, practical exercises to support personal development and a political analysis that recognises the imperative for trade union renewal in a time of economic, social and technological dislocation.

TULIP cohorts are made up of participants from across the trade union movement. Learning with, and from, those who work in different trade unions and diverse contexts, is an experience that participants value highly.

In addition to the attended sessions, there are some great online learning materials that are included in the course, which can be accessed anytime.

Price:

The prices shown include all accommodation, food, and course materials for the five two-day sessions outlined overleaf.

We have very deliberately established this as a blended programme with a number of “taught” residential sessions. Teaching is led by Professor Howard Stevenson. Howard is an experienced academic, adult educator and trade union activist. He has published widely in the areas leadership and management, trade union renewal, and union organising. The programme is supplemented with contributions from several visiting speakers who have extensive experience of leadership in trade unions, including at General Secretary level.

Application Deadline: 8 September 2025

Trade Union Leadership and Innovation Programme (TULIP)

Date	Module	What is Covered
22th – 23th Sep 2025	Becoming an effective leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership styles and addressing the challenges that face us.• Thinking and acting strategically.• Creating and communicating a compelling vision
6th – 7th Oct 2025	Coaching and mentoring skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How coaching skills can help you as a manager• Developing your coaching skills• Implementing coaching techniques in your organisation
24th – 25th Nov 2025	Developing people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing people and their performance• Handling difficult situations and conversations• Embedding development in your union
9th – 10th Feb 2026	Managing budgets and finance together with Managing a safe and healthy environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating and managing budgets• Your financial responsibilities• H&S from an employer's perspective – your responsibilities and legal obligations Employee wellbeing
2th – 3th March 2026	Leading innovation and change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing change• Facilitating creativity (in yourself and others)• Challenging the orthodoxy• Acting bigger than we are

Your Commitment

- Attend all 5 residential sessions (run over two days each at Quorn Grange Hotel, the GFTU’s Hotel in Leicestershire).
- Commit to one-to-one online sessions with the programme tutor.
- Complete the “self-study” elements according to the level you sign up to.
- Have the backing of your union in terms of course fees and time to complete the course and the support of a mentor.



Trade Union Leadership and Innovation Programme (TULIP)

GFTU-accredited and ILM-accredited pathways available

This course is available through two pathways. The basic programme comprises all taught elements, including access to study materials in between taught sessions. There is no formal assessment and accreditation is provided by GFTU. The ILM-accredited programme provides access to a Level 4 Certificate in Leadership and Management, awarded by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) and formally accredited by City and Guilds. This pathway involves the successful completion of three assignments. All assignments are based closely on participants’ own work contexts and offer a practical opportunity to link key course concepts to real world work challenges.

Description	What You Should Expect	Price
GFTU-accredited programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend tutor led sessions• Access to e-learning materials• Pre-course work for each session• Complete a learning review log	Affiliate: £1,250 Non-affiliate: £1,750
ILM-accredited programme ILM Level 4 Certificate in Leadership and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend tutor led sessions• Access to e-learning materials• Pre-course work for each session• Complete a learning review log• Completion of up to 6 workbooks with associated assignments (3 of which are mandatory)	Affiliate: £1,750 Non-affiliate: £2,250

Train the Trainer for Trade Union Educators, Union Reps and Staff

This was one of the most requested courses we had in 2024-2025. We have written three slightly different train the trainer courses to suit whoever would like to develop their educator skills, please see descriptions below and apply for the one that best suits your role.

Trade Union Educators

This is for full time trade union educators. You might be working at as part of a college or be directly employed to deliver education in your unions. This will be your main role within the union movement.

Trade Union Reps

This course is aimed at trade union reps/stewards/branch/national activists. You will be interested in developing skills and delivering education in the future. You might also be looking to develop your skills further in delivering education and training in your 'lay' union role. This course is for trade union activists only.

Trade Union Staff

This course is aimed at Trade Union staff who have educational delivery as a part of their role, but not their whole role. They might be regional officers, organisers or other roles associated with supporting and delivering trade union education.

Term	Title	Dates	Application Deadline
Spring	Train the trainer for trade union staff	2th – 4th Mar 2026	16th Feb 2026
Spring	Train the trainer for trade union educators	30th Mar – 1st Apr 2026	16th Mar 2026
Spring	Train the trainer for trade union reps	20th – 22nd Apr 2026	6th Apr 2026

Price:

This includes accommodation, food, and course materials.

Affiliates: Free **Non-affiliates:** £400

Women in Leadership Course

Following the huge popularity of this course, which ran once in Scotland and twice in England in 2025, our Women in Leadership course is back for 2025-26.

This course will cover:

- What does leadership look like – labour movement history, community, family
- Raising women’s voices in trade unions, in workplaces, and in elected politics
- Organising on women’s Health and Safety in the workplace
- Strength in networks and learning from each other, across the movement



Term	Dates	Application Deadline
Summer	15th – 17th June 2026	1st June 2026

Price:

This includes accommodation, food, and course materials

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £400

Workplace Reps Stage 1

***5 Days**

The essential first course for all new union activists. The course is split into a 3-day residential course followed by two further days delivered online.

We will be looking at the role of the rep, how to effectively represent members in a variety of situations, how to build the union in your workplace, and the importance of effective communication with members and your union.

Term	Residential Dates	Online Dates	Application Deadline
Autumn	13th – 15th Oct 2025	27th – 28th Nov 2025	29th September 2025
Spring	19th – 21st Jan 2026	19th – 20th Feb 2026	5th January 2026
Spring	9th – 11th Mar 2026	9th – 10th Apr 2026	23rd February 2026
Summer	1st – 3rd Jun 2026	2nd – 3rd Jul 2026	18th May 2026

Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials with a Google Classroom

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £450

Workplace Reps Stage 2

***5 Days**

Building on the Stage 1 course, this course is suitable for new activists wanting to develop their skills and is also suitable as a refresher for more senior activists. The course is split into a 3-day residential course followed by two further days delivered online.

We will develop representation skills as well as looking at how activists can campaign and deal with issues collectively. We will also cover rights at work, the importance of the employment contract and how to ensure the union stays on the front foot with employers.

Term	Residential Dates	Online Dates	Application Deadline
Spring	16th –18th Feb 2026	19th – 20th Mar 2026	2nd February 2026
Spring	16th – 18th Mar 2026	16th – 17th Apr 2026	2nd March 2026
Summer	22nd – 24th Jun 2026	23rd – 24th Jul 2026	8th June 2026

Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials with a Google Classroom

Affiliates: Free
Non-affiliates: £450

Young Members’ Development Weekend

If you are thinking of joining a union or are new to union membership, then this residential event is for you! Full of inspiration, opportunity, education, and networking, this is a real chance for young members across the movement to develop their skills, gain knowledge and create links with other trade unions.

Term	Residential Dates	Application Deadline
Autum	31st Oct – 2nd Nov 2025	17th October 2025
Spring	6th – 8th Feb 2026	23rd January 2026



Price:
This includes accommodation, food, and course materials

Affiliates: Free
Strike Map rep network: Free
Non-affiliates: £375

COURSES
BY TERM

Autumn

Date Start	Course Name	Online / In-Person
18 Sep 2025	Strategy series- What's wrong with the global economy? with Costas Lapavitsas	Online
22 Sep 2025	TULIP	In-person
22 Sep 2025	Bitesize Equalities (x10, 30 minutes)	Online
25 Sep 2025	Women in radical movements 1780-1850	Online
06 Oct 2025	TULIP	In-person
08 Oct 2025	Health and Safety reps 1	In-person
09 Oct 2025	Activists corner - Using the Media and the Press with Polly Smythe	Online
13 Oct 2025	Workplace reps 1	In-person
15 Oct 2025	The changing world order: Tariff, Trade war, and more	Online
29 Oct 2025	Imperialism: Economics of the armament and militarism	Online
30 Oct 2025	New Unionism & Eleanor Marx	Online
31 Oct 2025	Young members development weekend	In-person
12 Nov 2025	Cost of living crisis and inflation	Online
13 Nov 2025	Activists' Corner- Knowledge is power: Research to win with Izzy G	Online
20 Nov 2025	Strategy series- The rise of American Labour and opposing Trumpism with Sara Nelson	Online
24 Nov 2025	TULIP	In-person
26 Nov 2025	Austerity and fiscal policy	Online
27 Nov 2025	The Matchwomen's Strike	Online
28 Nov 2025	Political Economy Conference	In-person
10 Dec 2025	Activists corner - Handling disciplinaries and grievances with Les Doherty	Online
10 Dec 2025	Welfare regime and capitalism: housing, pensions, and healthcare	Online

Spring

Date Start	Course Name	Online / In-Person
12 January 2026	Health and Safety reps 1	In-person
21 January 2026	Global value chains and what they mean for international workers' solidarity	Online
19 January 2026	Workplace reps 1	In-person
26 January 2026	Health and Safety reps 2	In-person
29 January 2026	Mary McArthur and the National Federation of Working Women	Online
02 February 2026	Bitesize employment law (x10, 60 minutes)	Online
04 February 2026	Immigration and labour	Online
06 February 2026	Young members development weekend	In-person
09 February 2026	TULIP	In-person
11 February 2026	Lessons in Organising- strategy	In-person
12 February 2026	Activists corner - How to design a good leaflet and poster with Tom Greenwood	Online
16 February 2026	Workplace reps 2	In-person
18 February 2026	The rise of AI and the changes in work and employment	Online
19 February 2026	Strategy series- Re-building working class representation with Peter Mertens	Online
26 February 2026	The 1918 Equal Pay Strike	Online
02 March 2026	Train the Trainer for Trade Union Staff	In-person
02 March 2026	TULIP	In-person
04 March 2026	Social reproduction and precarious and unpaid labour	Online
09 March 2026	Workplace reps 1	In-person
10 March 2026	Tackling sexual harassment	Online
11 March 2026	Activists corner - Strike threats with Robert Ovetz	Online

Spring

Date Start	Course Name	Online / In-Person
16 March 2026	Workplace reps 2	In-person
18 March 2026	Climate and ecological crisis and the role of trade unions	Online
19 March 2026	Strategy series- Lessons from the largest strike in history with Ashok Dhawale	Online
21 March 2026	Creative arts and activism: Songs & Strikes with Ben Lunn	In-person
23 March 2026	Health and Safety reps 2	In-person
23 March 2026	Negotiation skills	In-person
26 March 2026	The General Strike and its Aftermath	Online
30 March 2026	Train the trainer for trade union educators	In-person
09 April 2026	Activists corner - Mapping your workplace with Mel Jenner	Online
20 April 2026	Train the trainer for trade union reps	In-person
23 April 2026	Handling disciplinaries and grievances	Online
30 April 2026	Day Nurseries & 'British Restaurants': Women Workers in WW2	Online

Summer

Date Start	Course Name	Online / In-Person
05 May 2026	Bargaining, organising & campaigning around AI and data	In-person
05 May 2026	Roots of Racism with Roger McKenzie	In-person
07 May 2026	Bargaining and organising for neurodiversity part 1	In-person
11 May 2026	Lessons in Organising- workplace	In-person
13 May 2026	Mental health a trade union response	Online
14 May 2026	Activists corner - Writing good workplace bulletins with Lydia Hughes	Online
18 May 2026	Branch officers development course	In-person
21 May 2026	Strategy series- How do we deal with activist burnout? with Hannah Proctor	Online
26 May 2026	Health and Safety reps 1	In-person
28 May 2026	Part-Time Work in the Post-War Years	Online
01 June 2026	Workplace reps 1	In-person
03 June 2025	Political economy for beginners: Dire straits	In-person
08 June 2026	Health and Safety reps 2	In-person
15 June 2026	Women in leadership course	In-person
18 June 2026	Bargaining and organising for neurodiversity part 2	In-person
24 June 2026	Political economy for beginners: For a change of direction	Online
22 June 2026	Workplace reps 2	In-person
25 June 2026	The Ford Dagenham Strike	Online
29 June 2026	Disability equality for all trade unionists	In-person
06 July 2026	Political school: Politics and trade unions	In-person
13 July 2026	GFTU summer school	In-person
15 July 2026	Political economy for beginners: Overcoming the obstacles	Online
16 July 2026	CPD day for professional trade union tutors	In-person
30 July 2026	Trade Union and Working Class History	Online
05 August 2026	Political economy for beginners: The politics of change	In-person

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By becoming a member of Friends of GFTUET, you are directly supporting the future of trade union education. Make the trade union movement stronger through education. Choose your level of support and join us in making a difference:

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Provide Access to Essential Courses:

Your subscription will cover the cost for one individual to attend any of our 3-day courses, offering comprehensive learning experiences that equip participants with essential skills and knowledge.

Support New Representatives:

Your support will enable a new representative to attend the Health and Safety in the Workplace Stage 1 training, empowering them to advocate for safe working conditions and protect the rights of their fellow workers.

Empower Women in Leadership:

Your subscription will fund one student's attendance at a Women in Leadership course, fostering gender diversity and empowering women to take on leadership roles within their unions and workplaces.

Combat Sexual Harassment:

Your contribution will enable five individuals to receive training on identifying and challenging sexual harassment in the workplace, fostering safer and more inclusive work environments for all.

Our Impact: Empowering Young Members



"Sometimes actually in the roles that we have, we don't have the opportunity to own something. Like being able to own it and work with other young members to create something for other young people, that's the real power. And, of course, that's the skill as well. And you can start to learn and share ideas and share experiences. And then, of course, you can progress from there and you can go forward from there."

Quincy Raymond

At GFTUET, we're dedicated to empowering young union members through our **Young Members' Development Weekend (YMDW)** and other educational initiatives. Hear it from Quincy, one of our supporters.



Join our Education Fund



The GFTUET Education Fund was created to widen access to independent trade union education. It allows union branches, regions, and local Trades Councils from non-GFTU-affiliated unions to take part in our courses by making an annual contribution. The scheme is designed to ensure that more union members across the movement can benefit from high-quality education, regardless of affiliation.

Who Can Join?

Union branches and regions not affiliated to the GFTU, along with local Trades Councils, are eligible to contribute to the Education Fund and access our programme.

Contribution Levels:

Union Branches

- Small branches (under 500 members): £650
- Large branches (500 or more members): £1,300

Union Regions

- Regions of unions with under 400,000 members nationally: £5,000
- Regions of unions with over 400,000 members nationally: £10,000

Trades Councils

- Minimum contribution: £100
- Medium contribution: £650
- Large contribution: £1,300

How It Works:

Contributors to the Education Fund can send members on GFTUET courses throughout the year, within a fair use framework. For Trades Councils, a pooled system is in place to ensure fair access across contributing councils.

By joining the Education Fund, your branch, region or Trades Council can help build access to education that supports organising, leadership and solidarity across the movement.

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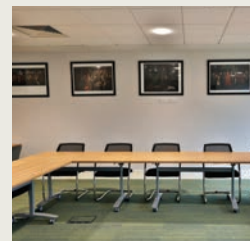


01 | Goodacre

Ideal for your branch or regional development day, the Goodacre is the biggest of our rooms and has a capacity of 120 guests cabaret style. We can provide screen, projector, and other stationary.

Oak Panel Room | 02

Our most elegant room. This high-class space, provides a real sense of occasion for your next meeting. A screen and projector is available. Maximum capacity is 20 cabaret.



03 | Classroom 1

This is our largest classroom space and can host 20 comfortably. This fantastic space includes access to latest hybrid technology and we have available a digital interactive screen, stationary and refreshments.



Classroom 2

Our newest available room, this state of art classroom provides a fantastic space for your next union event or training session. Max capacity is 16, we have available a digital interactive screen, stationary and refreshments.

Bluebell Room | 04

The perfect room for that next committee strategy meeting for your branch and region. The bluebell room is located in the newest part of our hotel and comfortably fits up to 10 people.



The Workers' Retreat

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Pricing & Packages

DAY DELEGATE RATE

Affiliated: £40
Non-affiliated: £45

Price includes:

Meeting room hire,
2x tea and coffee breaks,
2x course buffet lunch.

24H RATE

Affiliated: £143
Non-affiliated: £159

Price includes:

Meeting room hire,
2x tea and coffee breaks,
2x course buffet lunch
2x course dinner,
accommodation and
breakfast the next morning.



Supporting Trade Unions

The WEA has a longstanding tradition with trade unions in supporting, developing and educating members. Founded in 1903, we've been a key part of the labour movement for over a century.

Social justice is at our core. We are a charity with a special mission to raise aspirations and develop educational opportunities for the most disadvantaged.



Browse our courses

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Literature

Our literature courses are a great way to explore stories, cultures, and art. Take part in lively discussions, in-depth research, and analysis. Courses include:

- 20th Century Short Stories
- Gods of Olympus - Goddesses and Gods in Ancient Literature
- Discussing 'A Room with a View'

Art & design

Get hands on, be creative and have fun with a WEA art and craft course.

Find your arty side in a supportive and nurturing environment. Plus, if you want to turn your hobby into a profit, we have a course for that too.



Skills for work

Boost your career with our skills courses!
Build networks and gain skills that employers want.
We offer courses in:

- Health and social care
- Teaching
- Community interpreting

We also offer English, maths, digital, and ESOL courses. Courses include:

- Support Work in Schools
- Counselling Skills
- Community Interpreting
- Maths & English Functional Skills
- ESOL

Skills for life

Our Skills for Life courses make everyday life that little bit easier.

We give you a safe space to address topics like confidence, mental wellbeing, and communication. Courses include:

- Managing stress
- Preparing for the driving theory test
- Online yoga
- Beginners British Sign Language (BSL)

History

Explore history with us! Work on projects, join events, and chat with fellow learners to dive into the past together. Learn to create timelines, research, evaluate sources, and present your findings confidently.

We offer over 100 history courses each year, including:

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