



New course dates released

We are pleased to announce that course dates for the 2009/10 academic year have been published on the UCU website. Courses are held in a number of regional venues including, Glasgow, Harrogate, Manchester, Birmingham, London, Southampton and Totnes.

For information on courses in your area, visit www.ucu.org.uk/training or ask your branch for copies of our new training leaflets.

Safety Reps new course content

The safety reps pathway has been updated and revised to reflect legislative changes, respond better to the needs of UCU safety reps, and meet UCU's objectives as set out in the national organising plan. The four two-day modules aim to equip UCU safety reps with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to organise, bargain and campaign effectively on safety issues in their area.

For further information, or to book a place, visit www.ucu.org.uk/training



Tackling workplace stress



Due to popular demand, the old H&S5 module on tackling workplace stress has been rewritten as a standalone module. This course is now open to all UCU reps, whatever their union role.

To book your place please visit www.ucu.org.uk/tacklingstress

COMING SOON.. COMING SOON..

Two exciting new courses are starting in 2009/10

Green Reps will be delivered as two one-day modules and will give members an opportunity to develop their understanding of climate change and ways to protect the environment through change at work.

For further information, or to book a place on this course please visit www.ucu.org.uk/tacklingstress.



Equality Reps looks at equality issues in the workplace. This course aims to help reps ensure that equality is embedded within the branch bargaining and organising agenda.

Delivered as two one-day modules, the course will cover issues such as flexible working, absence management, discriminatory practices, equal pay and equality impact assessments.

For further information, or to book a place, visit www.ucu.org.uk/equalityreps

UCU training update



Union learning reps and lifelong learning

UCU are committed to promoting lifelong learning for all members. A key way of delivering this aim is the recruitment and training of more union learning reps (ULRs). We are currently rewriting and updating our ULR training pathway to take into account the unique learning and professional development needs of members working in FE and HE.



If you or your colleagues are interested in becoming a UCU learning rep and would like your name to be added to the pre-registration list for the new course, or would simply like further information about the role of the ULR, please email Kate Cook: kcook@ucu.org.uk

"Many leading employers work well with unions on learning but they are still some who are missing a trick by not reaping the rewards of working with union learning reps. Evidence shows that those organisations which work with unions on learning often see better industrial relations, lower sickness rates and a big increase in morale."

Tom Wilson,
Director of unionlearn

unionlearn
with the TUC

TUED online learning



TUC Education is committed to providing a programme of high quality online courses suitable for reps who need their training to be accessible and flexible. All TUC Education online courses are delivered through a web-based learning environment called Moodle. Learners can log on for group activities whenever is convenient for them. To get the most from online learning you will need to be self-motivated, self-disciplined and organised! Unionlearn online courses include:

Tackling Racism

Starting in October 2009, the Unionlearn Tackling Racism course will give participants a better understanding of equality and diversity issues in relation to race.

It aims to provide a positive networking and learning experience, and an opportunity to contribute to developing unions' interaction with lay members within the union and workforce.

The course is delivered online and takes 18 hours to complete over eight weeks.

These courses are free for all union reps from TUC member unions. To book a place, or for more information on other TUC courses, visit the unionlearn website: <http://www.unionlearn.org.uk/education/index.cfm>

TUC Diploma in Employment Law

This course will help experienced trade union reps develop their knowledge of employment law, making them more effective in their role.

The course will give reps a better understanding of the trade union approach to employment law, and enhance their ability to handle trade union and workplace issues whilst developing attitudes and skills needed for higher level study or activism.

The course is delivered online over 36 weeks spread over three terms, starting in October 2009.

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