

# PUTTING EDUCATION AT THE HEART OF THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT

## Exciting development courses for Union members

The General Federation of Trade Unions in partnership with Leeds Beckett University and Newman University, Birmingham have developed two courses to help support and develop Union members in their roles as educators.

Using the traditions of popular education, which are at the core of youth and community work and informal education, these courses will enhance your ability to think confidently and flexibly, to solve problems and organise collectively with others. Aimed not just at trainers but every union member, develop new skills to help you persuade, recruit, inform, negotiate, to inspire learners and create opportunities for people to change their lives, and the lives of those they work with.

Please turn over for course details.



# BECOMING A BETTER EDUCATOR MEANS BECOMING A BETTER TRADE UNIONIST



## Learning to Teach in Trade Union Education: Ideas and Methods

Learn to communicate ideas and information more effectively and develop more of a role in supporting learning in your Union.

Over the duration of this course you will become familiar with some of the ideas and techniques that will improve your learning environment, from canteen discussions to formal training sessions. This course is facilitated by Leeds Beckett University and is delivered at a level equivalent to a module from the first year of a degree. There are no specific entry requirements.

The course will initially be delivered over two days (usually a Friday night stay) at Quorn Grange Hotel with a further day the following month. There will be full access to Leeds Beckett University's online learning resources and Level 4 academic credit on completion of assessment.

**Dates:** 3 days - see website for details [www.gftu.org.uk/education/](http://www.gftu.org.uk/education/)

**Venue:** Quorn Grange Hotel, 88 Wood Lane Quorn Leicestershire, LE12 8DB

**Fees:** £190 per person (the GFTU is subsidising this course for the first year of delivery)

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## The Principles and Practice of Effective Trade Union Education

This course aims to establish a gold standard for all those seeking to deliver effective trade union education; by bringing together the very best of the pioneering learning theories from the popular traditions worldwide, with the latest thinking on the most effective delivery of trade union education.

You will be an experienced trade union trainer or educator, looking to take on a role at a senior level and wishing to explore your own, and others', educational approach at a higher level. You would normally be expected to have a degree or alternatively have sub-degree qualification (eg HND, foundation degree, NVQ level 4) with substantial experience in training or other forms of education.

Teaching will take place at Newman University Birmingham on four days spread over six months, once a month for the first three months and then a final day where assessment will take place. You will undertake a module titled *Contemporary Pedagogic Issues* in which you will study areas including dynamics of power, empowerment, democratic learning and discrimination. The course will also provide opportunities to communicate with other students via dedicated learning forums.

**Dates:** 4 days - see website for details [www.gftu.org.uk/education](http://www.gftu.org.uk/education)

**Venue:** Newman University Birmingham, Genners Lane, Bartley Green, B32 3NT

**Fees:** £567 per participant

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