

### Childcare facilities

There are childcare facilities for children aged 0—5 at the Centre, run and paid for by the Union, and arrangements can be made, during school holidays, for older children. Providing cover for the whole of the working day, this frees parents to attend all compulsory sessions on their course, with the parent only needing to look after their children at meal times and out of course hours during the evening. Get a child care booking form from the Course Administrator in the National Education Department.

### Disability Access

The Union is committed to ensuring disability access requirements are met. Please use the relevant section of the application form.

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## Women's National Week 19th - 24th June



Understanding your Union and Getting Involved



Women Organising in the Workplace



Campaigning for Women in the Workplace



Leadership Development for Unite Women

Eastbourne Centre,  
Eastbourne

## Women's National Week 2011

Women's National Week is held every year as part of the Union's commitment to encourage and support women's involvement. It is held alternately during the school term and school holidays. This year, it will begin on Sunday 19th June in the late afternoon and end on Friday 24th June. There are four different courses to choose from:

### The Four Courses — please choose one!

#### 1. Understanding Your Union and Getting Involved

This course is designed for less experienced women members who want to get more involved, and covers: how the union works, promoting the Union in your workplace and community, building confidence, assertiveness and skills.

#### 2. Women Organising in the Workplace

This course is for women members and reps looks at organising at the workplace, skills and organising issues. It also covers representing women at work.

#### 3. Campaigning for Women in the Workplace

This course deals with winning for women in the workplace. negotiating and campaigning skills, and workplace issues such as equal pay, family friendly policies, women's health, part-time working, sexual harassment.

#### 4. Leadership Development for Unite Women

This is a course for more experienced women activists who have attended other courses and who want to build on their union involvement and encourage others to get involved. It covers skills needed in the workplace, the Union, at conferences and in the wider community at all levels.

All four courses are aimed at women members and run at the Union's own Centre, right on the sea-front in Eastbourne, where the location, teaching facilities and provisions for relaxation speak for themselves. If you want to avoid being disappointed, don't leave it too late to apply!

## Go for it!

If you've not been to the Women's National Week before, or on any other women's course before or any other Union course for that matter, don't let this put you off. The Women's National Week is about small groups of working women, from a wide variety of jobs and backgrounds, getting together informally to share experiences and views, with the help of experienced women tutors who are also trade unionists.

## What do you need to apply?

You don't need any formal educational qualifications. We only ask that you are in financial compliance. That's why your application form needs to go via your Regional Education Organiser. Just fill in the course application form, send it off to your Regional Education Organiser (see list overleaf), who will countersign it and forward it to the National Education Department. Application forms are available from the National Education Department direct, at the address at the end of the leaflet. Please photocopy if you need more. Details of your Regional women's organiser are also included for your assistance. (See list overleaf)

## What could be simpler?

### Getting Release

The Union provides the training and pays for your accommodation and meals for the week, also your rail fare to and from Eastbourne. You should look to secure paid release from your employer.

If you are a shop steward/workplace rep, that shouldn't prove a problem. You have a statutory right to paid release for Union training. If you are a member without an official position, or a branch officer or equality rep who is not a steward, you may have more difficulty. If you do encounter problems, get your Regional Officer involved. Don't give up at the first refusal. In the event of failure to agree, get him or her to contact your Regional Education Organiser. You may be entitled to additional support from the Union.