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**To: All Higher Education Workplace Reps and Branches**  
**Sue Sharp NEC for information**  
**Dave Trafford NEC for information**  
**Gail Cartmail AGS for information**

Dear Colleague

**HEATED/ HESDA Technical training**

Some of you will recall the separate body, HESDA, that previously laid on senior specialist technical training events for technicians. This organisation merged with the Leadership and Skill Foundation a couple of years ago.

The various training agencies and lifelong learning bodies that are taking over the qualification and standards for staff development within higher education have not yet addresses technical level training needs and that is a worry as far as Unite is concerned.

HESDA has now morphed into a new organisation called HEATED (Higher Education & Technicians Education and Development). It is being supported by a grant from HEFCE. Its role is plan and organise skill specific training for technicians.

Unite is a supporter of HEATED (as we were of HESDA) and as such the union would like technicians to add their names to the HEATED mail base so technicians may be contacted directly about forthcoming training events.

I enclose a recent PowerPoint that gives a glimpse of the work HEATED are carrying out as initial background. When further information becomes available I will send this out to you as well.

You are invited to contact HEATED and to add your contact details to their database so you can be contacted first hand about the plans and projects that HEATED hope to offer in coming months. The application form for this is included in this Circular.

If technicians have particular training needs that are not currently provided by your institution and you would like to see these offered by an outside agency please let me know at the Unite - Coventry office and I will endeavour to feed this back to the HEATED committee.

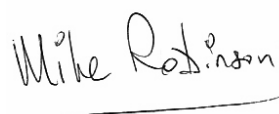
Unite will also be adding the issue of staff development to the Unite website shortly.

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Please pass this Circular as far and as wide as possible to other technicians although as far as feedback is concerned we can only respond to bona fide Unite members.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Robinson".

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