



Building Global Solidarity

Key points

Aimed at:
Reps who've completed the Workplace Reps Introductory Certificate course.

Duration:
National venues - 3 days
Regional/Country venues – check the course dates list or contact your regional education office.

Key aims

To provide workplace reps with the confidence to:

- Identify the need for an international union.
- Identify opportunities and barriers to uniting workers internationally.
- Explore the shortcomings of existing loose international union federations in protecting /improving the terms and conditions of union members.
- Identify an international development that affects the workplace or sector to take forward as a campaign or organising activity.
- Become familiar with the structures and policies of the union to be able to influence and take an international issue forward.
- Find out about useful contacts and resources.

This course enables Workplace reps to understand the significance of International Solidarity, the role of Workers Uniting and the importance of building union communication worldwide to improve workplace conditions.

Who should attend?

Reps who have completed the Workplace Reps Introductory Certificate course.

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course workplace reps should be able to:

- Identify the need for an international union and demonstrate practical methods of exploiting the advantages of an international union.
- Identify opportunities and barriers to uniting workers internationally.
- Explore the shortcomings of existing loose international union federations in protecting and improving the terms and conditions of union members.
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Pre-course activities

Find out information about your company in regards to its international operation and the competition in your sector. Think in terms of different financial and legal arrangements in the different countries it operates eg. employment costs, employment rights, health and safety standards etc. Also look for successful examples of international working & solidarity in the trade union movement.

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Venues

All regional/country and national training centres.

Accreditation and certification

This course is accredited through the Passport to Progress framework.

On successful completion of this course you will be issued with a certificate of unit credit by the Open College Network (OCN).

Progression route

Following this course there is a choice of training programmes available as shown in the Workplace Reps Course Progression route.