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## Unite Disabled Members' Equality Course

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> May – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**Venue:** Eastbourne Centre

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A Unite course for workshop reps and disabled members who want to take action to promote disability equality.

**This course will cover key issues from the Unite Negotiators Guide :Disability Rights at Work”, including:**

- Disability equality : choices at work and in the community
- Organising and representing disabled members
- Workplace action:
  - carrying out a workplace disability audit
  - what are reasonable adjustments?
  - negotiating for disability leave
  - disability champions and union equality reps
- Access to the Unite and Unite Disabled Members Committees

### go for it!

#### **What do you need to apply?**

You don't need any formal educational qualifications. We only ask that you are in financial compliance.

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. We can then enrol you the course. If there is more than one person from your workplace who wishes to attend, please photocopy the form.

If you do not have an application form, please contact the Education Department at the address at the end of the leaflet, and we'll put one in the post to you.

**What could be simpler?**

## Getting Release

The Union provides the training and pays for your accommodation and meals for the week, also your rail to and from Eastbourne. You should arrange to secure paid release from your employer. If you are a shop steward/workplace rep, that should not 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 Industrial Organiser 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 a loss-of-time payment from the Union.

## Disability Access

The Unite is committed to ensuring disability access requirements are met. Please use the relevant section of the application form. Get a Disability Access form from the Course Administrator in the National Education Department at Central Office, Holborn when you request your course booking form.

## Childcare facilities

There are childcare facilities for children aged 0—5 at the Centre, run and paid for by the Union, arrangements can be made during school holidays for older children. This facility provides cover for the whole of the working day which enables parents to attend all compulsory sessions on their course, with the parent only required to look after their children at meal times and out of course hours during the evening.

### Education Department

Unite the Union

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### Regional Education Organisers

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<b>South West</b>	<b>Glyn Conolly</b>	<b>0117 923 0555</b>
<b>South East</b>	<b>Geoge Foulkes</b>	<b>01622 230 623</b>
<b>North West</b>	<b>Mick Bond</b>	<b>0161 848 0909</b>
<b>North East Yorkshire &amp;Humberside</b>	<b>Mick Bond</b>	<b>0113 236 4830</b>
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### Regional Women & Equalities Organisers

<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>Natalia Stepnowska</b>	<b>0121 553 6051</b>
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<b>South West</b>	<b>Karen Cole</b>	<b>0117 923 0555</b>
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