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Major drive by Unite to grow our young membership and reps

The Unite Amicus section has launched a major new project to get more young people involved in the union. There are currently over 50,000 young members aged under 27 and this may sound like a lot, but it represents only 8% of the total union membership. Graham Goddard, Deputy General Secretary commented "the project is a number one priority for our union as we need to increase our young membership. Not only that, but we must increase the number of young reps – whether that is workplace, learning, equality or H&S Reps. Young members and reps are vital to the success of our union as if this trend continues the union's membership may reduce drastically in future years".

The union's Young Members' e-network was re-launched at the union's policy conference in June and has a growing number of members who receive regular information about workplace issues, campaigns and events. Recognising the importance of this network the union wrote to all young members at the beginning of September with an application to join the network which has received a good response.

At the same time an invitation was given to attend Regional Young Members' Weekend training events which are being held from mid-October through to early December in all regions. John Walsh, Chair of the union's National Young Members' Committee said "If you are a young member I would encourage you to come along to one of the events. You will find out more about how to get involved in workplace issues that are affecting young workers such as job security and access to skills and training, what the union is doing on international campaigns and how to organise in the workplace".

Existing workplace reps and shop stewards also have an important role to play in this Project. Graham Goddard said "we need our existing reps to mentor young members in the union to support them in their role as a new rep. We have a massive amount of knowledge and experience out there which our young reps need to call on to be successful in their role".

Existing reps and shop stewards can sign up to become a mentor and nominate a young member to attend an event in their region. If you cannot identify a young member to nominate then we will aim to match you up with a young rep to mentor.

Application forms for both the training events and to become a young rep's mentor are available at:

<http://www.amicustheunion.org/default.aspx?page=4264>

or e-mail Bridget Clemson on bridget.clemson@unitetheunion.com
tel 0207 4208923.

 The logo for 'unite the UNION' features a stylized flame icon in red and orange above the text. 'unite' is written in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font, and 'the UNION' is written in a smaller, blue, uppercase, sans-serif font below it.

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All accommodation, food and travel expenses for the training events will be provided for by the union.

And if you are not already a member of the Young Members' Network join up online now at

<http://www.amicustheunion.org/Default.aspx?page=4217>

Alternatively, contact Bridget Clemson, National Project Administrator, who will send you an application in the post. We will then send you a regular e-Newsletter keeping you up-to-date on workplace issues, campaigns and events.

Young Members' Seminars

12 - 14 October 2007, Dublin

26 - 28 October 2007, Manchester

26 - 28 October 2007, York

9-11 November 2007, Birmingham

9-11 November 2007, Leicester

16-18 November 2007, Glasgow

16-18 November 2007, London

30 Nov – 2 December 2007, Cardiff

30 Nov – 2 December 2007, Bristol

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