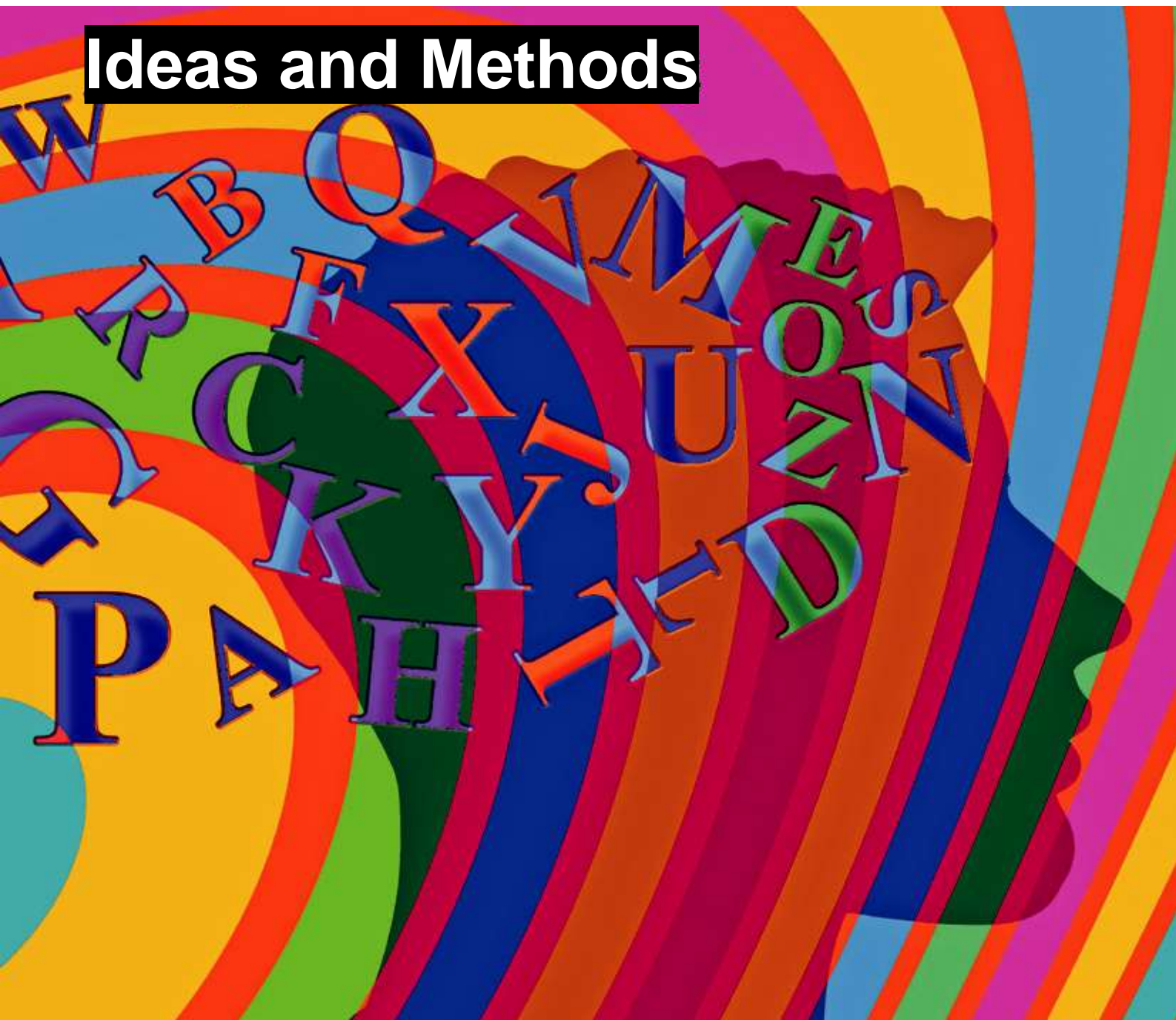


Trade Union  
Education for All

# Ideas and Methods



## Context

Many unions are encouraging members to educate others to strengthen workplace organization.

This course is designed to assist those undertaking such training at being even more effective at it. Passing on knowledge and inspiring others is something that can be improved by learned techniques.

As Doug has said 'Education is embedded in the very core of trade union work. Becoming a better educator means becoming a better trade unionist' (Nicholls, 2017). Yet much trade union education is technical and class room bound, with the tutor as the teacher and the students as the learners, ignoring the wealth of knowledge and experience participants bring. This needs to change.

## Intended Audience and Course aims

Aimed not just at trainers but every union member, these courses will develop new skills to help you persuade, recruit, inform, negotiate, educate and inspire learners, creating opportunities for people to change their lives, and the lives of those they work with.

This course will enable you to communicate ideas and information more effectively and develop more of a role in supporting learning and activism

in your Union using the traditions of popular education, which are at the core of youth and community work and informal education. Over the duration of this course, we will explore opportunities for effective learning, from canteen discussions to formal training sessions. The course will also explore teaching in the post pandemic reality. Blended learning will be foregrounded.

## Course structure

The course will initially be delivered as an overnighter, from early evening to lunch time the next day, at Quorn Grange Hotel, followed by online support to develop your ideas, and a further day the following month.

There are no exams or formal assessment although we would like participants to present their learning from the course through the presentation of a real or intended learning event on the follow up day.

It would be helpful if participants came with an idea for an educational project in mind, which we will all help you develop.

### **This course is facilitated by**

**Alan Smith.** Alan is a Principal Lecturer in Youth and Community Work at Leeds Beckett University, Vice Chair of the National Youth Agency Education and Training Standards Committee and Co-Chair of the Joint Education and Training Standards

Committee. He was awarded a National Teaching Fellowship for his transformational teaching. He has written extensively on popular education and taught for 30 years.

**Sarah Woolley** is General Secretary of the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union. She became a member at 16 when she started working for Greggs. She sits on the GFTU executive council, helped with organising the Youth festival and has taught on other trade union education courses.

**Professor. Dr Mike Seal** is a consultant, National Officer of the Professional Association of Lecturers in Youth and Community Workers and a Visiting Professor at Newman University. He is a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a National Teaching Fellow. He co-edited 'Trade Union Education: Transforming the World', written or edited 14 other books on education, and taught for 30 years.

## Venue

Grange Hotel  
88 Wood Lane  
Quorn  
Leicestershire LE12 8DB

## Dates

27th - 28th January 2022 (overnighter), follow up course 14th - 15th March 2022 (overnighter)  
4th - 5th April 2022 (overnighter), follow up course 16th - 17th May 2022 (overnighter)  
6th - 7th June 2022 (overnighter), follow up course 18th - 19th July 2022 (overnighter)

## Fees

### GFTU COURSE RATES:

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|---|---|
| <b>Affiliated Unions</b>                              | <b>£450 per person, per course</b><br>(Payment in advance only) |
| <b>Non Affiliated Unions/Other Interested Parties</b> | <b>£550 per person, per course</b><br>(Payment in advance only) |

For payment options please email Mark Robinson (GFTU) [markr@gftu.org.uk](mailto:markr@gftu.org.uk)

### ACCOMMODATION:

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| <b>GFTU 24 hour rate</b>      | <b>£130 per delegate:</b><br>This rate includes bed & breakfast, lunch,<br>two hot beverage breaks and two<br>course dinner |
| <b>GFTU Day Delegate Rate</b> | <b>£40 per delegate:</b><br>This rate includes lunch and two hot<br>beverage breaks   |

For the two day courses the cost would be one 24 hour rate and one day delegate rate

**For further information** please contact Mike Seal on 07773 781810

**For course and Quorn Grange Hotel bookings** please  
contact Mark Robinson (GFTU) [markr@gftu.org.uk](mailto:markr@gftu.org.uk)

**Deadline for booking is 7 days before the course start date (maximum 16 delegates)**

# Application Form

Part A to be completed by delegate and Part B to be completed by Union Officer.

**All fields below are mandatory. Applications will be referred back if any element of the form is not completed.**

**Please note:** Course nomination forms **must** be returned to Mark Robinson at markr@gftu.org.uk

## Part A

|   |           |   |          |
|---|-----------|---|----------|
| Course Code:  |           | Course Code:  |          |
| Course Title: <b>GFTU Trade Union Education for All: Ideas &amp; Methods 2021/22</b>  |           |   |          |
| Title (please circle):<br>Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Dr   | Forename: |   | Surname: |
| Address:<br><br>Postcode:   |           | Home Tel No:  |          |
|   |           | Work Tel No:  |          |
|   |           | Email:  |          |
| Date of Birth:  |           | Ethnicity:  |          |
| Union:  |           |   |          |
| Union Section (if any):   |           | Union Position:   |          |
| Time in Union Posts:  |           |   |          |
| Employer/Company:   |           |   |          |
| Special Requirements (e.g. large print, tape, braille, disabled access, etc.<br>For child care please phone our Education Trust team on 01509 410977 to discuss):                             |           |   |          |
| Dietary Requirements (please tick): <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Non-vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state): |           |   |          |
| Accommodation Required (please tick): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |           |   |          |
| <b>Terms and Conditions for Applicants</b><br>Please insert an X in the boxes to add to your preferences and declarations   |           |   |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opt out of marketing emails regarding upcoming courses   |           | <input type="checkbox"/> Opt out of GFTU monthly newsletter |          |
| Signed:   |           | Date:   |          |

## Part B

The Nomination Form must be approved by the Union's General Secretary or a senior official having responsibility for making nominations.

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| Approved by: |       |
| Position:    |       |
| Signed:      | Date: |