

## Education Bulletin - April / May 2023

Welcome to GFTU's Education Bulletin; a snapshot outlining new GFTU and partner learning opportunities and providing useful learning resources, as well as keeping you up-to-date on any changes to upcoming courses.

If you know someone who would benefit from this bulletin, let them know that they can sign up by emailing [georgiaw@gftu.org.uk](mailto:georgiaw@gftu.org.uk).



### Bite Size Sessions

For new union activists or union members thinking about getting more involved – these modules will form the GFTU's "Passport to Activism".

The programme will run over 4 sessions on consecutive days with recordings available after each session.

<b>Module</b>	<b>1st Run</b>	<b>2nd Run</b>	<b>3rd Run</b>
1. What makes a good rep?	22nd May 12:30pm	10th July	16th October
2. Building solidarity	23rd May 12:30pm	11th July	17th October
3. The union difference	24th May, 12:30pm	12th July	18th October
4. Getting more involved	25th May, 12:30pm	13th July	19th October

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### Standing up for a better workplace

Any workplace rep who wants to explore more about their role and how they can answer

these questions and get greater support in being effective in the workplace should attend this course.

It is suitable for new and more experienced reps who want to see the bigger picture about the challenges faced by workers in the UK and how unions, through their workplace reps, can become stronger.

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Residential Course</u>	<u>Online Follow- on Sessions</u>
GFTU Quorn Grange	May 31st/1st June	6th, 13th, 20th - 6pm

**Please note: The deadline for applications is Wednesday 17th May.**

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### **Introduction to Health & Safety**

The course is residential for two days with online 90-minute sessions the following week and 6 weeks later.

If you are a new health and safety representative or thinking about becoming one, then this course is for you.

You'll finish the course understanding your rights as a health and safety representative and how you and other reps can use health and safety to build your union in your workplace.

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Residential Course</u>	<u>Online Follow- on Sessions</u>
GFTU Quorn Grange	23rd - 24th May	30th May - 6pm 11th July - 6pm
GFTU Quorn Grange	12th -13th June 2023	19th June - 6pm 24th July - 6pm

**Please note: The deadline for applications is Tuesday 9th May for the first course taking place.**

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23rd-24th May](#)

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### **A Better Future - GFTU Summer School**

This course is residential for three days with online 90-minute sessions later in the year for participants to share progress made on their action plans.

This course will look at where we go next and is aimed at union leaders who may be experienced, more senior workplace activists or may be full time officers. We will be developing our understanding of the challenges that face us and how we address them.

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Residential Course</u>	<u>Online Follow-on Sessions</u>
GFTU Quorn Grange	25th -27th July 2023	5th September - 6pm 10th October - 6pm

**Please note: The deadline for applications is Tuesday 11th July.**

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## Understanding Trade Unions

This short course is aimed at union employees who may not have a background in trade unions who want to understand more about trade unions and how they function.

We will look at what makes trade unions different as an employer, what we aim to achieve with and behalf of members and how we go about doing so. It will cover what we mean by the organising approach, the challenges that face us and how we can overcome them.

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Residential Course</u>	<u>Online Follow-on Sessions</u>
GFTU Quorn Grange	21st June 2023 (11am-3pm)	28th June - 1pm

**Please note: The deadline for applications is Wednesday 7th June.**

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## Train the Trainer

This course is aimed at any activist or officer who delivers training for union activists.

The aims of this introductory course are to equip participants to be able to run training sessions and to explore ways in which they can make sessions lively and interactive.

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Residential Course</u>	<u>Online Follow-on Sessions</u>
GFTU Quorn Grange	2nd - 3rd August 2023	12th September - 6pm

**Please note: The deadline for applications is Wednesday 19th July.**

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We have some more courses to follow later in 2023.

This will include; further bitesize sessions, industrial action, union representative stage 1 and 2 + safety representative stage 1 and 2, tackling sexual harassment, lessons in organising, roots of racism, digital organising and engagement, understanding the political economy, working class history and bigger picture online seminars and a T.U.L.I.P programme.

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### Any Questions?

For information on GFTU courses, [click here](#).

To view all of our current & upcoming learning opportunities, [click here](#).

If you have any education related enquiries, please contact Mark Robinson, GFTU's Education Administrator, via [markr@gftu.org.uk](mailto:markr@gftu.org.uk) or by calling 01509410978.

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