



Working in Higher Education
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University of Leeds
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Unite the union is Britain & Ireland's biggest union with 1.5 million members

Unite is dedicated to serving the best interests of its members, protecting workers rights and improving the quality of life by negotiating with employers and government. You never know when you might need advice with a problem at work. So it's good to know Unite is here to help. If you know who your local branch rep is, contact them in the first instance.

We here at Leeds have a team of experienced trained Officers and Reps to help and advise you.

If you wish to have further information please contact one of our branch officers, or representatives around campus, or contact the Branch Secretary, **Neil Lowley** on extension **35902**, Room **7.53 EC Stoner Building** or email: **Neil.lowley@unitetheunion.org**

Fiction: *Trade Unions aren't for people like me.*

FACT: Anyone that goes to work and who cares about their pay and conditions, holiday entitlement, pensions, equal rights, and safety and training, needs a Trade Union. Young workers are most likely to be vulnerable to exploitation as some unscrupulous employers will assume that they less likely to know their rights. One in four young workers has experienced bullying and 53 percent fear they cannot support a family on their wages.

Fiction: *Trade Unions are just about workplace disputes and strikes*

FACT: Whilst a trade union's primary role is to represent their members on employment issues, trade unions have a much bigger part to play in civil society. They offer educational, lifelong learning and training opportunities to their members - many of whom would not have had this chance had it not been for their union. Historically, trade unions have not only negotiated for and championed workplace rights in the UK, but for a better deal overall for working people in the wider world. The Branch Officers and Reps continue to work hard on behalf of our members. The LOGIK Centre was one of the many successes our Unite branch has achieved on campus, and continues a long history of success within the University.

Fiction: Trade unions are only for people in particular types of work, working full time all year round.

FACT: Around half of young workers pay for their education. Research shows that between 1996 and 2006 the number of full time students with a part-time job grew by more than 50 percent, with this figure set to only increase alongside the costs of higher education.

Unite membership is more diverse than you might imagine here at the University of Leeds. It includes both full-time and part-time individuals, as well as those on fixed term contracts; members include Students, all areas of support staff, professional and managerial as well as academic, up to the most senior level. The benefit of being a Unite member, is that our Membership is transferable. If you ever choose to leave the University, or HE sector altogether, the likelihood is that we will be represented in your future place of work. This along with our global links make us a truly international union, and mean we will be with you whenever you need us. Along with our sister campus unions, and management, our Officers and Reps work hard on behalf of all our members.

Fiction: Trade union membership would not have any benefits for me.

FACT: As a member of a union you are entitled to free representation and legal advice should you ever need it. Time and time again it has been proven that workers in unionised workplaces get far better pay and terms and conditions than those that aren't in a union.

The more members in the workforce we have, the louder our voice.

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