Financial Management for Trade Unions Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Trade Unions	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master Strategic Budgetary Control to align union spending with long-term membership goals.
2. Implement Predictive Financial Analytics to forecast membership trends and subscription revenue.
3. Develop Fiduciary Risk Mitigation strategies to safeguard union assets from fraud and market shocks.
4. Standardize International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for cross-border union transparency.
5. Optimize Liquidity Management for strike funds and emergency welfare disbursements.
6. Navigate Taxation and Compliance Frameworks specific to non-profit labor organizations.
7. Deploy Blockchain-based Auditing for immutable membership record-keeping and dues tracking.
8. Design Sustainable Investment Portfolios using ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) criteria.
9. Enhance Financial Governance through independent internal audit committees.
10. Leverage FinTech Integration for mobile-based subscription collection and digital member benefits.
11. Conduct Cost-Benefit Analysis for union expansion and organizing campaigns.
12. Strengthen Member Trust through real-time financial transparency and interactive reporting.
13. Formulate Crisis Financial Contingency Plans for periods of economic downturn or mass layoffs.

Target Audience

- National Treasurers & Finance Officers
- General Secretaries
- Internal Auditors
- Trustees
- Branch Executives.
- Pension Fund Representatives
- Organizers & Lead Negotiators
- Emerging Youth Leaders

Course Modules

Module 1: The Fiduciary Responsibility Framework

- Principles of stewardship and custodial care of member funds.
- Legal liabilities of union officers under labor law.
- Ethical decision-making in financial allocation.
- Conflict of interest policies and disclosure protocols.
- Case Study: The 2024 Solidarity Audit - Restoring member trust after a multi-million dollar embezzlement scandal.

Module 2: Strategic Budgeting & Resource Allocation

- Zero-based budgeting vs. incremental budgeting for unions.
- Allocating resources for organizing, legal aid, and administration.

- Revenue diversification.
- Variance analysis and mid-year budget corrections.
- Case Study: The Green Union Pivot -Reallocating 15% of administrative costs to a "Just Transition" climate fund.

Module 3: Financial Reporting & Transparency 2.0

- Modernizing the Treasurer's Report for non-financial members.
- Utilizing Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS) (Hashim, n.d.).
- Standardizing annual financial statements.
- Digital dashboards for real-time fund tracking.
- Case Study: Tech-Union Transparency – Implementing a public-facing financial dashboard that increased member engagement by 40%.

Module 4: Risk Management & Internal Controls

- Identifying "Red Flags" in union expenditure.
- The "Three Lines of Defense" model in internal auditing.
- Cybersecurity for financial data and banking portals.
- Fraud prevention in decentralized branch offices.
- Case Study: The Branch Leakage Fix - How a regional union centralized its payments to eliminate 12% in "unexplained" local costs.

Module 5: Investment & Strike Fund Management

- Strategies for inflation-beating asset growth.
- Liquidity vs. Growth-Managing the Strike Fund.
- Ethical and ESG-compliant investment strategies.
- Managing property portfolios and union-owned assets.
- Case Study: The 100-Day Strike – Managing a $50M strike fund during a prolonged industrial dispute without depleting reserves.

Module 6: FinTech for Union Operations

- Automated dues collection through mobile banking and payroll APIs.
- Managing "Gig Economy" worker subscriptions via micro-payments.
- Digital wallets for member welfare benefits.
- AI in expense tracking and automated reporting.
- Case Study: The Freelancers' Collective – Launching a mobile-only union in the digital service sector using automated billing.

Module 7: Auditing & Regulatory Compliance

- Preparing for statutory government audits.
- Internal audit checklists for branch secretaries.
- Compliance with Anti-Money Laundering and Know Your Member rules.
- Reporting for political action committees and lobbying funds.
- Case Study: The Compliance Clean-up - Navigating a surprise labor department audit across 50 regional branches.

Module 8: Financial Advocacy in Collective Bargaining

- Analyzing corporate balance sheets and P&L statements.
- Calculating the "Ability to Pay" in wage negotiations.
- Using financial data to counter employer claims of "financial distress."
- Communicating economic data to the membership for strike votes.
- Case Study: The Retail Turnaround – Using a company's hidden stock buyback data to win a 12% wage increase.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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