Strategic Leadership for Trade Union Officials Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Trade Unions	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Strengthen strategic leadership skills for trade union governance
2. Enhance collective bargaining and negotiation effectiveness
3. Build capacity in industrial relations and labor law compliance
4. Develop conflict resolution and mediation competencies
5. Improve worker rights advocacy and policy influence
6. Strengthen union organizational development and sustainability
7. Build skills in stakeholder engagement and social dialogue
8. Enhance strategic communication and labor messaging
9. Promote ethical leadership and accountability in unions
10. Develop understanding of global labor standards and ILO frameworks
11. Strengthen crisis management in labor disputes
12. Build capacity in data-driven decision-making for unions
13. Enhance digital transformation in union operations and mobilization

Target Audience

- Trade union officials and shop stewards
- Labor leaders and federation executives
- Industrial relations officers
- Employee relations managers
- Worker rights advocates and activists
- Government labor officers and policymakers
- NGO professionals in labor and social justice sectors
- Emerging youth union leaders and organizers

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Strategic Union Leadership

- Leadership theories in labor movements
- Role of trade unions in modern economies
- Strategic vs operational leadership
- Power dynamics in labor relations
- Case Study: South African labor movement restructuring

Module 2: Industrial Relations Systems and Frameworks

- Tripartite systems and social dialogue
- Employer-employee-government relations
- Collective labor systems
- Labor market institutions
- Case Study: Germany’s co-determination model

Module 3: Collective Bargaining Mastery

- Negotiation stages and strategies
- Wage bargaining frameworks
- Interest-based negotiation techniques
- Agreement drafting skills
- Case Study: US auto industry union negotiations

Module 4: Labor Law and Compliance

- National labor legislation structures
- International Labour Organization (ILO) standards
- Workers’ rights enforcement
- Legal dispute resolution mechanisms
- Case Study: India labor law reforms impact

Module 5: Conflict Resolution and Mediation

- Workplace dispute dynamics
- Mediation techniques
- Arbitration processes
- De-escalation strategies
- Case Study: Kenya port workers strike resolution

Module 6: Strategic Communication for Unions

- Messaging and framing labor issues
- Media engagement strategies
- Crisis communication
- Digital advocacy tools
- Case Study: French railway strike communication campaign

Module 7: Policy Advocacy and Influence

- Policy development processes
- Lobbying strategies
- Stakeholder mapping
- Government engagement
- Case Study: UK minimum wage policy advocacy

Module 8: Organizational Development in Trade Unions

- Union structuring and governance
- Membership growth strategies
- Leadership succession planning
- Internal accountability systems

- Case Study: AFL-CIO organizational reforms

Module 9: Financial Management for Unions

- Budgeting and financial planning
- Membership dues systems
- Transparency and audit systems
- Resource mobilization
- Case Study: Scandinavian union financial models

Module 10: Digital Transformation in Labor Movements

- Digital organizing tools
- Social media mobilization
- Data analytics for unions
- Online member engagement
- Case Study: Uber drivers' digital unionization efforts

Module 11: Workplace Health, Safety & Wellbeing

- Occupational safety standards
- Risk assessment frameworks
- Mental health in workplaces
- Safety committees
- Case Study: Construction sector safety reforms in Australia

Module 12: Gender Equality and Inclusive Leadership

- Gender mainstreaming in unions
- Women leadership empowerment
- Disability inclusion
- Anti-discrimination frameworks
- Case Study: Nordic gender-balanced unions

Module 13: Globalization and Labor Markets

- Global supply chains impact
- Outsourcing and precarious work
- Migration and labor mobility
- Transnational union cooperation
- Case Study: Garment industry in Bangladesh

Module 14: Crisis and Strike Management

- Strike planning and execution
- Risk mitigation strategies
- Negotiation during crises
- Legal implications of strikes
- Case Study: French pension reform protests

Module 15: Future of Work and Labor Innovation

- Gig economy challenges

- AI and automation impacts
- Remote work governance
- Future union models
- Case Study: Platform workers in Europe (food delivery sector)

Training Methodology

- 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.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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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	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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