Trade Union Branding and Public Image 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. Define the union's "Physique and Personality" to differentiate in a saturated social market
2. Build a robust platform to move "from communication to reputation"
3. Master **Social Media Engagement** to amplify worker voices in real-time.
4. Develop "conflict-resolution skills" to handle adverse outcomes and industrial action
5. Utilize **Generative AI** for "hyper-personalized content" that resonates with diverse member segments
6. Align union identity with broader social movements to attract younger, "value-seeking" demographics.
7. Champion "fairness and transparency" in AI-enabled workplaces
8. Ensure **Shop Stewards** and officials communicate a consistent "Brand Promise."
9. Enhance "verbal and non-verbal communication" for high-impact media appearances
10. Adapt messaging to "organize young and precarious workers" in the gig economy
11. Modernize logos and "symbols" to reflect a forward-thinking, tech-savvy organization.
12. Foster "social purpose" that transcends adversarial engagements with employers
13. Use **CX (Member Experience) Analytics** to track the effectiveness of branding campaigns.

Target Audience

1. Union General Secretaries.
2. Communications & PR Officers.
3. Shop Stewards & Organizers
4. Labor Relations Negotiators.
5. Youth Wing Leaders
6. Policy & Advocacy Strategists.
7. Digital Media Managers
8. Worker Representatives in AI Sectors

Course Modules

Module 1: The Brand Identity Prism for Unions

- Defining the union's Core Character and cultural symbols.
- Mapping "Relationship" and "Reflection" dimensions for members.
- Moving from functional features to Emotional Connection.
- Case Study: The Rebranding of "Creative Workers Union" for the Freelance Era.
- Creating a 2026 Union Style Guide.

Module 2: Strategic Public Communication

- Techniques for "shaping public opinion favorably"
- Mastering the Media Interview during industrial disputes.
- Language for Social Purpose vs. adversarial rhetoric.
- Case Study: Strategic Messaging in the South African Municipal Workers Strike.
- Press conference simulation for a "Fair Wage" campaign.

Module 3: Digital Activism & Gen Z Engagement

- Targeting the "Brand Activism" mindset of younger generations
- Platform-specific strategies for labor rights.
- Managing "Digital Transparency" and accountabilities.
- Case Study: How "Amazon Labor Union" utilized viral transparency to win.
- Drafting a "Day in the Life of a Worker" social campaign.

Module 4: AI & Future-Proofing Union Image

- Navigating the "IT and AI skill gaps" in labor narratives
- Using Generative AI for member-centric newsletters.
- Advocating for "Fairness in AI" as a core brand pillar.
- Case Study: Union-led campaigns for "Ethical AI" in the Banking Sector.
- AI-assisted sentiment analysis of union public image.

Module 5: Reputation & Crisis Management

- Building a "Reputation Platform" to weather strikes and scandals.
- Addressing "communication failures" that lead to industrial tragedy.
- Tactics for "reassurance, ease, and confidence" during layoffs.
- Case Study: Reputation recovery following the Marikana massacre analysis.
- Rapid response to a "wildcat strike" PR disaster.

Module 6: Organizing the Precarious Workforce

- "Dialogical approaches" to education and outreach
- Messaging for the "GIG economy" and temporary workers.
- Establishing Organic Intellectuals within precarious sectors.
- Case Study: Organizing "Call Center" workers through emotional labor recognition.
- "Portability of Benefits" branding for nomadic workers.

Module 7: Internal Branding & Shop Steward Training

- Closing the "skills gap" between leadership and the shop floor.
- Ensuring "empathy, respect, and open-mindedness" in representation.
- Unified messaging across regional branches.
- Case Study: Internal alignment during the UPS Teamsters contract campaign.
- Training the "Activists and Persuaders"

Module 8: Measuring Brand Equity & Impact

- Tracking "Brand Trust" and "Emotional Loyalty."
- Metrics for "Member Experience (MX)" and satisfaction.

- Correlating public image with Negotiation Outcomes.
- Case Study: Using data to prove the ROI of a $1M Public Image Campaign.
- Developing a 12-month Union Brand Roadmap.

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

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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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