Trade Union Membership Representation 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 understanding of labor laws and employment regulations
2. Develop advanced collective bargaining and negotiation skills
3. Enhance union leadership and governance capabilities
4. Build capacity in grievance handling and dispute resolution
5. Improve member recruitment and retention strategies
6. Strengthen workplace representation and advocacy skills
7. Promote understanding of industrial relations systems
8. Equip participants with conflict management techniques
9. Enhance skills in communication and stakeholder engagement
10. Build competence in policy analysis and labor rights advocacy
11. Strengthen awareness of occupational safety and health standards
12. Develop digital skills for union organizing and online mobilization
13. Improve strategic planning for sustainable union growth and impact

Target Audience

1. Trade union officials and shop stewards
2. Workplace representatives and employee delegates
3. Labor officers and industrial relations practitioners
4. HR professionals engaged in labor relations
5. Community-based labor organizers
6. NGO workers in labor rights advocacy
7. Government labor inspectors and policymakers
8. Emerging union leaders and activists

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Trade Unionism

- History and evolution of trade unions
- Principles of collective representation
- Union structures and governance models
- Rights of workers under labor law
- Case Study: Growth of modern union movements in manufacturing sectors

Module 2: Labor Laws and Industrial Relations

- National and international labor standards
- Employment contracts and legal protections

- Role of labor courts and tribunals
- Worker rights enforcement mechanisms
- Case Study: Legal dispute resolution in wage theft cases

Module 3: Collective Bargaining Strategies

- Bargaining frameworks and negotiation cycles
- Preparing bargaining agendas
- Win-win negotiation techniques
- Employer engagement strategies
- Case Study: Successful wage negotiation in public sector unions

Module 4: Leadership in Trade Unions

- Leadership styles in labor movements
- Ethical leadership and accountability
- Decision-making in union structures
- Building trust among members
- Case Study: Transformational leadership in national union reforms

Module 5: Grievance Handling Systems

- Types of workplace grievances
- Documentation and reporting procedures
- Conflict escalation pathways
- Resolution and mediation processes
- Case Study: Resolving discrimination complaints in workplaces

Module 6: Conflict Management and Mediation

- Sources of workplace conflict
- Negotiation vs arbitration approaches
- Mediation techniques
- Emotional intelligence in disputes
- Case Study: Industrial strike resolution through mediation

Module 7: Member Engagement and Mobilization

- Recruitment strategies for unions
- Membership retention techniques
- Communication channels with workers
- Building solidarity campaigns
- Case Study: Successful union membership expansion in transport sector

Module 8: Workplace Health and Safety Advocacy

- Occupational safety standards
- Risk assessment techniques
- Accident reporting systems
- Worker protection frameworks
- Case Study: Reducing workplace injuries in construction industry

Module 9: Communication and Public Speaking

- Effective union messaging
- Media engagement strategies
- Persuasive communication skills
- Crisis communication in labor disputes
- Case Study: Media advocacy during national strike action

Module 10: Digital Organizing and Social Media

- Online union platforms and tools
- Social media campaigning
- Digital petitions and mobilization
- Cybersecurity for unions
- Case Study: Digital labor protest campaigns in gig economy

Module 11: Policy Advocacy and Lobbying

- Understanding policymaking processes
- Engaging government institutions
- Drafting policy proposals
- Coalition building with stakeholders
- Case Study: Labor law reform advocacy success stories

Module 12: Financial Management of Unions

- Membership dues management
- Budget planning and accountability
- Financial reporting systems
- Transparency and audit compliance
- Case Study: Financial restructuring of union organizations

Module 13: Gender Equality and Inclusion in Labor

- Gender rights in workplaces
- Inclusive representation strategies
- Addressing discrimination and bias
- Empowering women in unions
- Case Study: Women-led union transformation initiatives

Module 14: Strategic Planning for Union Growth

- Vision and mission development
- Strategic goal setting
- Risk analysis and sustainability planning
- Performance measurement systems
- Case Study: Long-term union expansion strategy in service sector

Module 15: International Labor Standards and Globalization

- ILO conventions and global labor rights
- Cross-border labor issues

- Migration and worker protection
- Multinational employer relations
- Case Study: Global solidarity campaign in supply chain labor disputes

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
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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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