

The answer to all those questions about trades union councils you were afraid to ask

The trades union council is the place for your union branch

Trades union councils bring together unions to campaign around issues affecting working people in their workplaces and local communities. Trades union councils aim to:

- raise public awareness of rights at work and the union role in enforcing those rights.
- promote organising and recruitment drives to build union membership.
- support union and community campaigns for dignity and respect in the workplace and beyond.

With threats of racism and fascism, changes in the labour market and debates over the future of public services, the trade union voice in the community is as important as ever. The capacity of trades union councils to provide a local response and to organise trades unionists into coalitions with other progressive forces is crucial.

They do this by providing services which keep local trade unionists up to date with developments within the wider trade union movement, and by taking up relevant local industrial and community issues.

This guide provides an introduction to trades union councils and how they work.

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