

# **Women in Leadership**

A development programme for women trade unionists in the Midlands

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The TUC Midlands are happy to announce that the very successful Women in Leadership course will be running again in 2021. From public speaking and leadership styles to communication skills and research projects looking at equality in the workplace, this course will involve six days of learning, as well as project work in between classes.

The group will also have the opportunity get to know like-minded women from different unions, build networks across the union movement and to play an active role in the TUC Women Chainmakers' Festival.

Women have always played a key role in the trade union movement. Some of our biggest advances to workers' rights have been led by strong women trade unionists. Women also make up the majority of our membership. But while the fabric of our movement is certainly more diverse, only a third of our union leaders are women. There is still an shameful 18% gap in pay between men and women doing the exact same job, and more than half of women continue to experience sexual harassment and discrimination at work. This course will help empower more women trade unionists to step into leadership roles and continue to create positive changes in their workplaces, their union and in society.

### Programme

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the course will begin online.

The course will run over six consecutive Wednesdays in May and June and, as in previous years, will culminate with the TUC Women Chainmakers' Festival on Saturday July 3rd.

- May 5th
- May 12th
- May 26th
- 🔷 June 2nd
- 🔷 June 9th
- Saturday July 3rd (Women Chainmakers' Festival)
- Meeting with the Midlands Women's Parliamentary Labour Party (Date TBC)

### Costs

The cost of the course is free. However, any expenses incurred by individuals should be claimed from your union.

# Find out more

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The trade union movement needs more women ambitious to take on leading roles and speak up for working people.

The TUC Midlands Women in Leadership programme is designed for women who are interested in playing a larger role in the running of their union at workplace or official levels.

The programme is flexible to suit busy women. Combining the course with the Women Chainmakers' Festival offers a great opportunity to meet women leaders from across the trade union movement and to play an active role in the leading women's trade union festival. The programme is likely to be over-subscribed so make sure you get your application in early with support from your union.

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