

Regional Directory



Dear friends and supporters,

Unions provide a powerful voice at work, offer a wide range of services and critically, are the only movement that can bring change, stronger rights and better pay for working people.

Unions champion equal opportunities, promote learning and skills at work, ensure workplaces are safe, and engage with partners to develop a sustainable economy for the South West.

The unions listed in this TUC South West directory represent around half a million trade union members in our region, covering all jobs and every aspect of working life. By their very nature, agreements secured by unions with employers mean many more thousands of workers benefit from the power of unions.

Workers across the South West are bearing the brunt of the cost of living crisis, having already suffered a global pandemic and many years of austerity measures and cuts to real pay.

As company profits and top bosses' pay soar, our public services have been cut to their bare bones, privatised, critical workers outsourced, all whilst workers' and fundamental trade union rights continue to be attacked.

There is a lot to do. The key is to build stronger unions that raise the voices of people at work and fight for a fairer, equal and just society. We hope this directory will help you reach the union officers, trades councils, or any other contact you may need.

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Tutor-led training held in classrooms or online include: Union Reps Stage 1, Employment Law, Health & Safety Stage 1 and 2, Union Learning Reps Stage 1 and 2; as well as online Diplomas in Employment law and Occupational Health and Safety.

- **Online learning** - freely available programmes for self-study can be accessed via our online learning platform as soon as a rep takes office, any time, any where. These online programmes also help enhance learning developed through classroom courses.
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Tolpuddle Martyrs Memorial Trust

In 1834, six farm workers were sentenced to seven years' transportation for daring to form a legal union. The fledgling trade union movement rose to the challenge and organised a massive campaign that forced the government to grant free pardons and a return home in triumph for the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

The story of the farm workers and the protest was a key episode in the foundation of human rights and the development of trade unions. It is remembered at the TUC Museum in Tolpuddle and at the annual festival in July.

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