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Dear (Insert name),

My name is Joe Wheatley, I am the Secretary of the GMB Regional Youth Network Committee - Yorkshire & North Derbyshire.

I am writing to you on behalf of our Youth Network to inquire about the possibility of arranging a seminar for your Year 11 students and 6th Form students. The aim of the seminar is to inform students about (a) what a trade union is and (b) why young workers should join a trade union.

The reason we are asking to arrange these seminars is because in our experience as young trade unionists we have worked with a number of part-time and full-time young workers who are completely unfamiliar with what a trade union is or does. A number of our young members who joined from a variety of work backgrounds such as care, civil service, NHS or supermarkets often express a regret that they only learned about trade unions long after they had entered the world of work.

One small part in the role education plays in students lives, is to prepare them for the wider world after they've graduated. This is why we would like an opportunity to explain to your students that when they move on from secondary education, and they eventually enter the workplace, they don't have to stand alone against abusive managers or endure poor working conditions. That the workplace can be changed, that things don't have to be the way they are and that united in common purpose they can work in an environment that "works" for them.

If you would like to discuss this proposal further or if you have any concerns please contact me using the details above.

Regards,  
Joe Wheatley  
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