Faithworkers Branch Education and Training, 2018 Programme.

New Reps training

In the last three months there have been over 80 calls to the Faithworkers branch helpline. This resulted in 50 new cases. Each case needed a trained and accredited representative to help the member in difficulties. These issues included bullying, capability, discipline, pension, safeguarding and change to terms and conditions. Faithworkers do not normally have access to third party justice through employment tribunals and rely on the application of denominational procedures in a fair and consistent way. Leaders in faith organisations don't always know their own procedures and reps can learn how to help other members on these courses. You may have been helped by a rep in the past, or you may need the help of a rep in the future. The more better trained reps we have in the branch the stronger the union will be and the more the branch can focus on campaigning and negotiating to improve the terms and conditions of employment for our members. Why not attend the courses for new reps and learn to help others? Reps report an increase in confidence through attending these courses.

Courses for New Reps:

Taster Day – Becoming a Rep 9th May.

Accredited Reps Training 30th July –1st August.

This course will give you a taste of what it is like to be an Accredited Representative for Unite. You will learn: how the branch is organised; the work of a rep; handling grievances and disciplinaries; confidence in working in partnership with managers.

We hope that you will attend the initial taster day in May and the residential reps training.

This is a national education department course for any member of the Faithworkers branch wherever they live, in Great Britain, Ireland or continental Europe.

How can I apply?
Complete the attached form and return it to adrian.judd@unitetheunion.org cc bridget.clemson@unitetheunion.org

Closing date for applications: Friday 10th February (but please apply ASAP)