

Trade Union Liaison Officer Toolkit



You have become a Trade Union Liaison Officer (TULO). You may have been elected to the role, or been co-opted. Either way, this toolkit will help you understand the role of a TULO.

When you become a TULO you will join your Regional or Local party Committee

If you have had Trade Union experience, such as acting as a Union Rep, or being active in any other capacity, it would be useful in your TULO position. Alternatively, you may have attended a course, such as 'History of Trade Unions' which would provide a relevant background to the role.

Below is a template role description for a Regional / Local Trade Union Liaison Officer.

Trade Union Liaison Officer – Role Description

- Build relationships between the Green Party, trades councils and trade unions.
- Coordinate with Field Officer, Councillors and candidates to identify where Trade Unions intersect with local campaigns
- Inform the regional council of relevant strike actions in the (Region) so that members, Councillors and candidates can be advised of picket lines / demonstrations in their area.
- Keep members in the region informed on the reasons for strike actions.
- Participate in Trade Union Group meetings and share updates to your Committee
- Build relationships and work with any regional TULO's to coordinate actions and maximise effectiveness
- Organise support from members of the Green Party for striking workers.
- Ensure dialogue between local and UK trade union members, officials and elected representatives of the Green Party.
- Inform trades councils and trade unions of Green Party policies relevant to their actions.
- Create a contact list of trade unionists, organisers and officers in your area so that the Local or Regional Party can continue with engagement if you move on from the role.

Trade Union Contacts

Trade Union Congress

The Trades Union Congress (TUC) is a federation of trade unions that collectively represent most unionised workers in England and Wales. There are 48 affiliated unions with a total of about 5.5 million members.

Regional TUC Offices

Occasionally, you may need to contact your Regional TUC for contact details for various unions, strike details or general information. Below are the Regional TUC Offices for England and Wales.

TUC Northern

1st Floor, Unite Building
John Dobson Street
Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 8TW
0191 227 5550 chownam@tuc.org.uk

TUC North West

4th Floor Jack Jones House
1 Islington
Liverpool L3 8EG
0151 482 2710 kstevens@tuc.org.uk

TUC Yorkshire and the Humber

Quayside House
5 Canal Wharf
Leeds LS11 5PS
0113 242 9696 sdennis@tuc.org.uk

TUC Midlands

47 Summer Lane
Birmingham B19 3TN
0121 262 6380 lbarron@tuc.org.uk

TUC South West

Unit 6, Aztec Centre
Aztec West
Bristol BS32 4TD
0117 947 0521 southwest@tuc.org.uk

TUC London, East and South East

TUC Congress House
23-28 Great Russell Street

London WC18 3LS

020 7467 1291 lese@tuc.org.uk

Wales TUC Cymru

3rd Floor Unite Building

1 Cathedral Road

Cardiff CF11 9SD

029 2034 7010 wtuc@tuc.org.uk

Trades Councils

Trades union councils are local groups of trade unionists. They are elected from trade union branches whose members live and/or work in the area. Trades union councils are often referred to simply as trades councils (TCs).

TCs' activities are guided by an annual programme of work, determined by their annual conference. This can include campaigns to defend the NHS, to promote public education, transport, the welfare state, and to support benefit claimants, women, black, ethnic minority, gay and transgender people, young people and people with disabilities.

Liaising with Trades Councils and attending meetings is an important part of a TULO's role. [Here](#) is a link for all of the regional Trades Councils. Click on your region for a comprehensive list of Trades Councils in your area, town by town, with contact details.

There will probably be a small annual fee (10p – 25p) to attend Trades Councils meetings. The cost should be easily payable by your local party or even yourself.

Useful Resources

[Strike Map](#) - Please click link for up to date information concerning strike action:

And if you require more information, please don't hesitate to contact the regional office of the particular unions on strike. For example, not every school had a picket during a national NEU teachers' strike. The Union could provide specific local information regarding industrial action.