



GMB Members National Lifelong Learning Fund

Fund Details& Application Procedures

**The application for funding contained in this
exclusive offer is available to GMB members only.**

**If you require any assistance, please contact
individual below:**

GMB Contact:

Chair at: lifelonglearning@gmbactivist.org.uk

History & Background Information

On August 1st 2016 we launched the GMB National Life Long Learning Fund

This fund is available to members to help them access education.

The fund was launched to coincide with the first meeting of the GMB National lifelong Learning Committee which was created in line with Congress Motion 74 2015. Any member who meets the requirements can apply to it for financial assistance in pursuance of education and training.

This membership benefit is viewed as both an organizing tool and a retention tool.

As an organising tool for non-members of the GMB have to become members and have at least 53 weeks continuous subscriptions to apply.

As a retention tool it is aimed at members who may have recently lost their employment and need financial assistance to assist them to upskill and reskill.

Terms and conditions

GMB members can apply by completing a national Lifelong Learning fund application form for financial assistance towards any course that they have enrolled on, or would like to enroll on, to help them to achieve a qualification or skill which will enable them to improve their present & future employment and career opportunities.

Successful applicants cannot reapply to the fund for a period of 12 months from receiving their last grant from the fund.

Application Criteria

- The applicant must have been a fully paid-up member, on either the full time, part time, Sick/Unemployed or any other type of membership rate for more than 53 weeks.
- Successful applicants will be expected to retain their membership throughout the whole process with regards to the funding received.

- Applications should be made prior to the commencement of a course of study or during the application stage when the individuals know they are eligible to undertake the course.
- You must attend a Branch Meeting and present the application form at your Branch Meeting or online meeting where sections of form need to be filled in and relevant signatures obtained electronic signatures will be accepted. This is also where you see if the Branch will assist in funding.
- Once the form has been completed this must be signed by your Regional Education Officer (REO)
- Regional Education Officer is to send completed application form in full to the Chair of the NLLLC below electronically
- No commitments should be entered into on the assumption that an award will be made.
- The awards do not apply to any other college, institution or training provided
- The member requesting funding may be invited to the Teams meeting to be interviewed by the Panel
- There is an appeal process which is stated on the form, any appeal must be sent to the Chair on the email below.
- Funding for Open University and Post Graduate courses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. If funding is granted this would not be guaranteed for subsequent years

If you would like any further advice, information or guidance please contact the Chair of the NLLLC or your Regional Education Officer.

Contact Chair at: lifelonglearning@gmbactivist.org.uk

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**APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT TOWARDS A COURSE OF STUDY
GMB MEMBERS NATIONAL LIFELONG
LEARNING FUND**



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Section 1: ABOUT YOU

First Name		Surname:	
Home Address		GMB Membership Number	
	Postcode		
Telephone Number		Email Address	
How Long have you been a member? (no. of years)		Which Region are you in?	

Section 2 COURSE OF STUDY

Which Course have you applied for?	What is the duration of the course?
Have you received confirmation of a place on the course? YES / NO	If NO, when do you expect to hear about your application? (date)
Is the course available for a student loan, and if so, are you eligible to apply YES / NO	Have you applied for a student loan? YES / NO Has it been approved yet? YES / NO
<p>Please state clearly below how much financial support you are applying for from the National Lifelong Learning Fund and give brief details of how the funding is to be used.</p> <p>For individuals applying for funding must have paid 53 weeks continuous membership to the GMB</p> <p>Funding Required £</p>	

Section 3: GMB LIFE LONG LEARNING FUND

Have you received any funding from Branch YES/NO

*Amount Received £.....

*Date of Branch Meeting

*Branch President Signature

*Branch Secretary Signature

Regional Funding or any other GMB funded support? Please give details below **to be filled in by REO and then endorsed.**

*Amount awarded £..... Date

Endorsed by Region:

*Position

*Name

*Date:

*Authorized by Region **YES/NO**

Section 4: DECLARATION

If your application is successful, you will be required to send information regarding your progress on the course to NLLLC Chairman!

Do you agree to do so **YES / NO***

Do you agree that the panel can approach the College/provide to: -

1. Confirm you have been accepted onto the course.

YES / NO*

2. Confirm at different times during the year that you are still participating on the course	YES / NO*
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Conditions

1. I am aware that if awarded a GMB LLL award, that the GMB is not liable for any further costs, fees or expenditure incurred as a result of undertaking the agreed course study.
2. If I am granted the award as outlined in the offer letter, it is for the purpose of study agreed by both parties. The award is non-transferable and is repayable should I decided not to follow the course of study outlined in the application.
3. I must notify the Chairman NLLLC if I amend my course of study, leave the course or there are changes that relate to the use of the award as defined in the offer letter.
4. I will retain my membership of the GMB Union throughout the process of application and whilst undertaking the agreed course of study.

*Applicants signature Date

*REO's Signature Date

Chairman NLLLC Signature Date

NLLLC Facilitator Signature Date

SECTION 5 AUTHORISATION

Date Received by Chair & Signature	
Date Reviewed by Panel	
Date & Authorised by Chair	
Date Passed to Facilitator	
Date passed to NAU for Payment	
Funding Granted by Funding Panel	£

Date of payment by NAU

Any member who is dissatisfied with the panel's response to their application for funding has the right to appeal and must put their reasons for appeal in writing and respond directly to the Chairperson of the NLLLC at lifelonglearning@gmbactivist.org.uk who will then forward the appeal to the Senior Manager Responsible for the NLLLC

***How would the course chosen benefit you?**

***How would this help you within the GMB Union/Branch?**

***How would this course benefit the GMB Union?**

All parts with a * must be filled in