



Empowering Workers: a trade union certificate in labour law and the labour movement



4 modules | 19th March- 20th September 2026

Your Commitment

- Attend the residential session at Quorn Grange Hotel in Leicestershire and the four in-person days at Birkbeck School of Law and Hamilton House, London.
- Commit to group online sessions with programme tutors.
- Complete the “self-study” elements appropriate to the course.
- Have the backing of your union in terms of course fees and time to complete the course.

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| Date | Venue | What is covered |
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| 19 March 2026 | Birkbeck School of Law | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Birkbeck and to the course: Labour Law – its historical, political and economic context • A short history of labour including the Declaration of Philadelphia and its significance. • A look at recent attempts at legal reform, including a critical look at the Employment Rights Act 2025 |
| 26th March 2026 | Birkbeck School of Law | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairness, social justice and human rights • Ways of organising, mobilising, and negotiating • Working rights in times of crisis: how can we respond? |
| 6th –7th July 2026 | Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour strategy and legal mobilisation • The role and importance of Sectoral Collective Bargaining • The legal status of workers • Labour, artificial intelligence and the law |
| 28th-29th September 2026 | GFTU, Quorn Grange Hotel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spain’s new labour laws • Unions and communities: linking struggles • Strike action, action short of strike action, balloting, campaigning disobedience and protest • Boardrooms, works councils, votes at work and other forms of struggle |

Deadline for applications:
5th March 2026

