

TRAINING AND ADVICE SESSIONS

Each Spring the UTU, in conjunction with Platinum Independent Financial Advisors, offers a series of Financial Seminars for those members intending to retire in the near future. All members attending these seminars have praised their content.

Seminars are also offered for teachers near the beginning of their careers to help plan for the demands of mortgages, families etc.

Each year training is offered for School Reps who are the vital link between Headquarters and schools.

UTU has a full, detailed and interactive School Reps' handbook with on-line links to dedicated pages on the UTU web-site.

I AM REGISTERED WITH THE GTC(NI) – ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

A teacher trade union represents you, the members; it is made up of teachers just like you and operates in your best interest. A union supports teachers' professional and personal concerns, in salary, pension, conditions of service and everyday school life.

The GTC(NI) is a regulatory body with whom all teachers have to register. It oversees teachers' qualification to teach and provides advice to Government – the GTC(NI) is not a negotiating body. Unions and the GTC(NI) work closely together but have completely different functions.

You are obliged to register with the GTC(NI).
You choose a union.

WHY JOIN THE UTU?

Ten good reasons for making the choice of UTU:

1. The UTU is the *only* union based solely in Northern Ireland.
2. The UTU has experienced and qualified staff to give help and support to members. Officials will meet members at their schools, in their homes or elsewhere. These meetings can be before, during or after school hours.
3. Regular visits are made, by Officials, to schools throughout Northern Ireland to enable teachers to voice concerns and raise queries.
4. The UTU retains the services of a long established firm of solicitors – there is no further fee to UTU members who require legal help with a problem in the course of their professional duties.
5. UTU offers access to excellent fringe benefits.
6. UTU only recruits from the qualified teaching body and is dedicated to representing the interests of qualified teachers.
7. UTU has a long tradition of promoting equality issues – members sit on a number of committees dedicated to equality.
8. UTU is not affiliated to any political party and represents the interests of all members in discussions with all political parties.
9. UTU is, however, affiliated to NIC-ICTU (the Northern Ireland Congress of ICTU) and maintains close links to education and other unions.
10. UTU promotes the interests of ALL teachers and has specific groups for students, young teachers and principals.



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LIVELY, FORWARD THINKING
and PROFESSIONAL union.**

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Or call us on 028 9066 2216



WHY JOIN THE ULSTER TEACHERS' UNION?

THE BENEFITS



OUR LEGAL SERVICE
IS **YOUR** PROTECTION

FREE
MEMBERSHIP
FOR STUDENTS AND
NEWLY-QUALIFIED TEACHERS

UTU — supporting ALL the teachers of Northern Ireland

As a teacher you are a member of a challenging and yet rewarding profession – you will give of your best to the young people in your care and you will wish to be a member of a union which gives you similar care.

The Ulster Teachers' Union is the only union based in Northern Ireland for the teachers of Northern Ireland. Our Headquarters are in Belfast and are staffed by highly experienced officers and administration staff who work only in Northern Ireland and are thus completely familiar with all issues relating to education in the Province.

**TO JOIN THE UTU – APPLY ONLINE AT www.utu.edu
OR TELEPHONE 028 9066 2216 for an application form.**

WHY JOIN a union?

- It offers support and advice to members experiencing problems or difficulties.
- It can influence Government and decision making bodies in local and national issues.
- It campaigns for better salaries and conditions of service.
- It oversees health and safety in the workplace.
- It promotes equality in the workplace.
- It campaigns for better training.

WHY ELSE?

Membership of the UTU enables members to access:

- Independent financial advice (mortgages, pensions, savings plans, investments etc)
- Preferential motor, home, travel and other insurance.

UTU web-site

The UTU has a detailed and informative web-site (www.utu.edu) which is easily accessed by any member. All the latest news applying to members is added to the web-site on a regular basis and the site is also an invaluable source of information on:

- Maternity/Paternity leave
- Job-share
- Flexible working
- Career Breaks
- Leave of Absence
- Salaries
- Pension/Superannuation details
- Health and Safety
- School Reps' Information

And much, much more!

The web-site is updated regularly and is the ideal place to keep up with news from the UTU.

'UTU NEWS' newspaper and other mailings

As well as the web-site, the UTU keeps in contact with members via the 'UTU News', the Union's own lively and informative newspaper. Each issue features news items, a letter from the President, information from the General Secretary, articles from school reps and groups within UTU (Leadership, FIT and students), Health and Safety issues and Equality news.

Mailings are sent to members on a regular basis with copies of new publications, news and information.

Members can also, of course, contact Headquarters directly and speak to an Official or a member of the HQ Admin team.

Leadership Group

The Leadership Group represents the interests of the Principal and Vice Principal members of UTU. This group has a regular conference to hear visiting speakers and discuss issues of particular concern.

FIT (Future In Teaching) group

In May 2006 a group representing the young members of the Union was formed. This group addresses the concerns of teachers in the first 15 years of service and is organised by young teachers themselves. FIT also organises social events and meetings to discuss matters of concern. Close partners of the UTU, Platinum Financial Services offers advice to young teachers on mortgages and savings plans, and Adelaide Insurance offer preferential insurance rates for young teachers. There is a dedicated page for the FIT group on the UTU website.

STUDENT TEACHERS

The UTU maintains close links with the teacher training establishments and has active student members. Furthermore the UTU offers seminars on job search, the application process, CV, letter writing and interview skills.