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SAVE OUR TRADE UNION STUDIES DEPARTMENTS

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Save our trade union studies departments. In the last 10 years, trade union studies departments in further education colleges have supported, developed and built the confidence of over half a million union representatives. They are vital to our movement's ability to equip volunteer reps with the skills and knowledge they need to build our unions and deliver for members.

The trade union studies lecturers in colleges have a wealth of knowledge, experience, commitment and passion for what they know works best – trade union education that brings people together where shared experiences create a unique and potent environment for developing reps and building our unions.

We all know that good industrial relations in the workplace becomes possible with skilled union reps – a fact this government has failed to acknowledge in its axing of the funding set up to train them. Direct government funding of this programme in England has now ceased. Just half the college trade union studies departments that existed a year ago remain. The TUC is supporting the programme in colleges during this transitional year (2016/17) with one-off funding from the TUC Educational Trust.

Trade union studies in English colleges needs your support!

Colleges will soon be making decisions about what training provision they will be offering in 2017/18. We cannot let the collective resource, capacity and wisdom

that is found in college trade union studies departments disappear.

Your trade union studies lecturers call upon you to support trade union studies in colleges by using our departments.

The message is: Use us or lose us! Once we are gone there is no going back.

Make contact with your college trade union studies department now (see list below). In this transitional year it is vital to talk to college trade union studies departments about your union's rep training needs. This is so work can be done to design courses that may receive full or partial funding in future.

Act now to protect a vital resource that supports us building all unions.

- Blackburn College
- Burnley College
- Central College Nottingham
- College of North East London
- East Riding College
- Huntingdonshire Regional College
- Leeds City College
- Manchester College, The
- Newcastle College
- Ruskin College
- Shrewsbury College
- South & City College Birmingham
- South Thames College
- Southampton City College
- Stockport College
- Sussex Downs College
- Warrington College
- West Thames College
- Wirral Metropolitan College

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