

## TRAINING AND ADVICE SESSIONS

In addition to those listed overleaf, UTU also offers a range of training opportunities for members in various roles and at various stages in their careers. These include:

- Training for School Representatives
- Training for Health and Safety Representatives
- Financial Planning seminars for those considering retirement
- Seminars for Newly-Qualified Teachers

Details will be available in school, by e-mail and on the website, so don't miss out!

## 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.

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## 10 REASONS TO 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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## WHY JOIN THE ULSTER TEACHERS' UNION?



**THE  
BENEFITS**

OUR LEGAL SERVICE  
IS YOUR PROTECTION

**FREE  
MEMBERSHIP**

FOR STUDENTS AND  
NEWLY-QUALIFIED TEACHERS



## 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. They are therefore completely familiar with all issues relating to education in the Province and are readily available to answer calls and provide support at meetings.

### 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 to maintain and improve salaries and conditions of service
- It oversees health and safety in the workplace.
- It promotes equality in the workplace.

### WHY ELSE? **UTU MEMBERSHIP SERVICES**

UTU membership also enables members to access a range of extra services including:

- **Competitive car, home, motorcycle and travel insurance tailored for teachers**
- **Independent financial advice** (mortgages, pensions, savings plans & investments)

Check Union Services at [www.utu.edu](http://www.utu.edu) for up-to-date information on providers.



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offering a range of over 1,500 discounts and deals for local restaurants, hotels, shops as well as social and sporting activities throughout Ireland.

### OUR MEMBERS PAY AS THEY WORK

UTU deductions are taken at source as you work and there are no direct debits to pay when you do not work.

**Therefore, no salary, no fee — but full rights of membership.**

For further details, contact Annette at **028 9066 2216**

or see '*UTU Membership Subscription: The Facts*'.

### UTU Website

The UTU has a detailed and informative web-site [www.utu.edu](http://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 a range of issues including:

- Maternity/Paternity leave
- Flexible working arrangements
- Sickness & Absence arrangements
- Salaries & Pensions
- ... and much, much more!

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

### COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

UTU communicate with members in a range of ways including:

- *UTU News*, our lively and informative publication
- Regular mailings with copies of new publications, news and information
- Information about training, events and new developments are sent by e-mail or text messaging so ensure that HQ have your current details to stay updated
- Facebook and Twitter enable our FIT (Future in Teaching) group to stay in touch (See panel on the right for details)
- And, of course, the UTU website! [www.utu.edu](http://www.utu.edu)

### Leadership Group

The Leadership Group represents the interests of the Principal and Vice-Principal members of UTU. This group has regular seminars and conferences, which have been highly commended by those attending, to discuss current issues of particular concern.

### FIT (Future In Teaching) group

The FIT Group represents the young members of the UTU and has been active since 2006. It organises social events, meetings and residential seminars to discuss matters of concern and is very active at both Central Executive Committee and Annual Conference level, enabling young teachers to have their voices heard, to influence policy and to effect change.

You can find out more at: [facebook](#) [utu.fitgroup](http://utu.fitgroup)



Find out about our new mentoring service for young teachers by e-mailing your interest to [utumpp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:utumpp@hotmail.co.uk) or by visiting our website.

### STUDENT TEACHERS

The UTU maintains close links with the teacher training establishments and has active student members. UTU offers a range of seminars on educational and job search issues and will always respond to specific requests for training and support. Student teachers regularly attend our Annual Conference and FIT events which enable them to meet other teachers, to access help and support, and to enter employment aware and informed.