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9<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Dear Colleague

**REGIONAL POLICY WEEKEND 2010 – PORTSMOUTH HOLIDAY INN,  
PORTSMOUTH**

This year's Regional Policy Weekend will take place on **1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010** at the **Portsmouth Holiday Inn, Pembroke Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire. PO1 2TA.**

It will commence from the Friday evening until Saturday afternoon. The Policy Weekend brings together key activists from Branches and Regional Committees / Groups to discuss the key challenges we face and consider how we focus and prioritise the Region's objectives and campaigns.

We face a significant challenge from the threat to public services by Coalition Cuts. These cuts threaten our member's jobs, the way the union presently functions and the way in which public service's are provided.

The response will require a concerted effort across the organisation communicating our message that these cuts are ideologically driven and not in the general public interest. It will require building partnerships and thinking of new ways of organising.

UNISON comes from a position of strength with the Million Voices campaign already at the heart of all the campaigning we do. UNISON is striving to create a fairer society where equality, respect, dignity and fairness applies to all, where people are put before profit and public interest before private greed.

The Million Voices campaign gives the Region the prospect to focus and direct our campaigning work and the Policy Weekend will provide Branches with the opportunity to discuss how we can deliver this campaign in the Region focused on the Coalition Cuts.

Places will be allocated to those applying as follows:

- Branch Delegates to Regional Council
- Regional Committee Members
- Branch delegates (preference will be given to branches who do not have any members on the Regional Committee and with due regard to proportionality and fair representation)
- Regional Self Organised and Young Member Groups Chairs / Co-ordinators

The Regional Committee will meet from 10.30 am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the same venue. Regional Committee delegates wishing to stay for the Policy Weekend should complete and forward the attached form by the closing deadline as all their expenses will be met by the region.

The cost for all other delegates will be £110.00 plus travel expenses and this will be met by branches. Please contact Steve Loweth for additional supplements for partners.

If you wish to attend, please complete the attached application form and return it to the address above or fax 01483 570 271 by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

Yours sincerely,

*Phil Wood*

**Regional Secretary**

# Application form



## Course details

Course date **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010**

Course title **Regional Policy Weekend**

**Portsmouth Holiday Inn, Portsmouth**

Course code (if known)

Closing date for the course **13<sup>th</sup> September**

## Your details

Male  Female

Surname

First name

Membership no.

Branch

Service groups (e.g Health, Local Gov)

Address for correspondence

Contact no.

Mobile

Email

## Accommodation/facilities

Do you have special dietary needs? Yes / No

Do you require disabled facilities? Yes / No

Are you disabled? Yes / No

Do you need assistants with child/dependent care to attend this course? Yes / No

Do you require accommodation? Yes / No

If you have answered yes to any of the above please give details:

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## Monitoring

To help us work towards fair representation, please answer the following questions:

Do you identify yourself as being:

White  British  
 Irish  
 Any other White background

Mixed race  White & Black Caribbean  
 White & Asian  
 Any other Mixed background

Asian or Asian British  Indian  
 Pakistani  
 Any other Asian background

Black & Black British  Caribbean  
 African  
 Any other Black background

Chinese or other ethnic group  Chinese  
 Any other ethnic background

All applications must ask their Branch Secretary/Branch Education Officer to complete this section. Any problems should be referred to the Regional Education Officer on **01483 406533**.

**Important note: please ensure membership numbers of all applications are shown on all application forms to assist with administration.**

This application is supported by the Branch

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Branch position \_\_\_\_\_

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