Summer Schools

Training for Members

USDAW EDUCATION

Summer School

Summer School runs from Sunday evening to midday on Friday. The course has a broad agenda that, amongst other things, looks at:

- The role and function of trade unions.
- Organising the workplace.
- Presentation skills.
- Equality.

Delegates work in small groups and liaise closely with their tutor, and the course is run in a supportive, friendly and informal manner. Those who have been to Summer School always say it deepened their knowledge, boosted their confidence and improved their communication skills. The course includes evening work with guest speakers.

Who Can Apply?

This course is open to all members. You don't have to be a Union rep but priority is given to members who have undertaken training, or who can demonstrate a degree of commitment to the Union.

When and Where Does It Take Place?

Summer School takes place every year in early September and runs from Sunday to Friday. All classes, activities, accommodation and meals are at Hillscourt in Birmingham, a Victorian house which dates back to 1897 and retains many of its original features, set in 25 acres of beautiful grounds. **www.hillscourt.co.uk**

What Does It Cost?

The National Executive Council will pay board and accommodation fees for Summer School, and members who attend the School will be entitled to claim travelling fares and any appropriate allowances.

Most employers provide paid release for members awarded a place at Summer School.

"I loved every single bit and I wouldn't change a thing; it's probably one of the best things that Usdaw runs … it really is the greatest opportunity you can have. I'm sad it's over and would do it all again."

"I HAVE COME OUT THE OTHER END A MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND CONFIDENT PERSON."

Selection Process

Applications for Summer School are made via your branch and are submitted to your Regional Officer. Each Regional Council decides who will represent their region. Nominations go before the National Executive Council at their June meeting, and applicants are informed by the end of June whether they have been awarded a place. There is also a reserve list in operation and further places are offered to members if vacancies arise.

How Do I Apply?

A circular with information and application forms is sent to all branches in early January each year. Applications are signed by the Branch Secretary and Branch Chair and submitted to the Regional Officer by late March/early April (full details on the circular). You can also request an application form from the Education Department at Head Office by calling **0161 224 2804**, but it must be signed off by your branch and received by your Regional Officer by the deadline given on the circular.

"I have to thank you beyond words for the opportunity to attend Summer School... awesome!"

"THANK YOU FOR MAKING ME PROUD TO BE AN USDAW REP."

For More Information

Further details are available direct from your Training Officer via your regional office, or Usdaw's Education and Training Department, tel: 0161 224 2804.

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