



# THE ROLE OF THE FSU REPRESENTATIVE

Together we can make a difference

## YOU are the union

**Working in the finance sector is often a challenging way to make a living. As an FSU Rep, you play a vital role in helping your workmates meet these challenges. You do an important job in your workplace. To your workmates, you are the union**

You are the person they associate with when they think about the union. You represent them and speak up for them, and you share union information with them. That's a big job, and we appreciate the work you do. And we need you to help us become a stronger union.

Sometimes, when you're doing an important job, you need a little help. That's why the FSU has produced this guide to being a union Rep.

Your key powers and responsibilities as an FSU Rep are:

- Listen to member issues and provide basic information, support and advice to help sort out local problems.
- Represent the views of FSU members within your area, and as part of being able to do this, receive information as to who are FSU members in your area.
- Staying in touch with your Organiser and become a link between members in your workplace and the broader union.
- Help get people involved in the union, from asking potential members to join to letting members know about the latest campaign activities.

Your Organiser can assist you with material, advice, and support to help you. Some things you can do as a Rep include:

- Attend FSU Rep Training (which is conducted in paid time)
- Joining the FSU Facebook Page and Twitter Feed
- Wearing a FSU Lanyard or badge (and asking other members to do the same)
- Introducing yourself to all staff in your workplace and explain your role as the FSU Rep. You can do this in a creative way, such as providing an Easter Egg on each desk with a note attached introducing yourself as the FSU Rep.
- Leave FSU updates on desks so that others know what is going on.
- Set up and maintain a union notice board in the lunch room in your workplace. Your Organiser can assist you with updates and other material to help keep the Noticeboard up to date.
- Talk to potential members about joining the union.
- Encourage members to get involved in this campaign.

**When your colleagues are ready to join the union, they can join online at the FSU website, or download a form and give it back to you completed, so you can send it to the union office. Thanks for being the FSU in your workplace, keeping our union strong.**