36th Annual UALE
Northeast Regional Summer School for Union Women

Fired Up For CHANGE!

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire

July 17-22, 2011
Labor Education Center, Rutgers
New Brunswick, New Jersey

What is the Summer School?

The 36th UALE Northeast Regional Summer School for Union Women, July 17-22, 2011, is a five-day residential program, sponsored by the United Association of Labor Education (UALE). The school brings together union women who are rank-and-file members, staff, and officers to strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the U.S. labor movement in an effort to develop skills that will prepare them to be more active union members and leaders. UALE advocates education as an essential tool to develop new union leadership and the process of union transformation.

This year's school will be hosted by Labor Education and Research Now (LEARN) and the Dept. of Labor Studies and Employment Research of the School of Management and Labor Relations (SMLR), Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. The School will be coordinated by Donna Schulman, Carey Library & Tracy Chang, LEARN, from SMLR, Rutgers, and Karen Bellamy Lewis, IFPTE, AFL-CIO, CLC.

What Participants Say About Summer School

As a former student and instructor, I encourage every union woman to participate and to experience first hand the education, solidarity and lasting sisterhood the summer school provides.
— Laurel Brennan, Secretary-Treasurer, New Jersey State AFL-CIO.

I was a new participant in the Summer School, and I didn’t know what to expect. I am leaving tools that I can rely on to help me be more confident in my interactions with other officers, membership, and management. A solid foundation of knowledge is essential to being an effective leader.
— Student, 2010 School, Penn State Univ.

This experience, particularly as women helping women, is an extraordinary one. I do not believe it could possibly be duplicated; that another one could be as nourishing as this, being led by strong Union Sisters.
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See Our Website for Updated Information:
http://smlr.rutgers.edu/UnionSummer
The Program
All students attend classes designed to teach and improve leadership skills. In addition, each student chooses two workshops, which meet Monday through Thursday, and there are evening activities and receptions. Summer School instructors are union officers, staff and labor educators from universities and unions. All workshops will be held at the Labor Education Center on the Cook Campus of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Workshops that may be offered include:

- Collective Bargaining
- Basic Grievance Handling
- Advanced Grievance Handling & Arbitration
- Labor Law
- Public Speaking
- Safety & Health
- Radio Waves
- Internal & External Organizing
- Mobilizing for Political and Legislative Activity

Registration
Register early, as space is limited. The cost includes tuition, housing, meals, and parking for the five days of summer school. The cost for commuters includes tuition, 2 meals/day and parking. Participants will be housed in on-campus apartments near the Labor Education Center. Each apartment consists of 2 bedrooms, a kitchen, and a bathroom. All rooms are non-smoking. To register, please return the attached form with the full registration fee, no later than June 24, 2011. You will receive confirmation of registration by e-mail. An information packet and course selection material will be sent to the e-mail address listed on your registration form. (Please indicate if you require a print mailing.)

Scholarships
A limited number of partial scholarships, including scholarships from the Berger-Marks Foundation, are available and will be awarded based on individual needs. Please encourage your union or central labor body to cover your registration costs before you apply for a scholarship. For scholarship applications, please contact Donna Schulman at (732) 932-9608 or via email at dlschulman@work.rutgers.edu.

Transportation
The Labor Education Center, Rutgers, is easily accessible by car, train or plane. Travel instructions as well as will be included in your information packet and are also available at http://maps.rutgers.edu/directions/nb.aspx/

Child care
Because of limited resources and a lack of child care providers on campus, we regretfully cannot offer childcare.

Cancellation and Refunds
Cancellations must be received in writing. Full refunds are available until July 1, 2011. Written cancellations made after July 5, 2011 will incur a late cancellation fee of $100. Registered participants who fail to cancel in writing prior to the start of the summer school and do not attend the program (i.e. no-shows) will not receive a refund except in extreme circumstances addressed on a case-by-case basis.