



Labor Center

*Building the labor movement
through education*

Central Labor Council Education Programs

Sponsored by the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

Labor Center classes for Central Labor Councils

Labor Center educators can travel to your area to conduct a customized class that suits the needs and interests of your Central Labor Council. In the recent past, Labor Councils have hosted classes on topics such as steward education, workers' compensation, mobilizing members, health care, the global economy, and others. Class formats can range from:

- short evening class in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting
- full or half-day programs on weekends or week days
- multi-week series

Iowa Federation of Labor support for CLC education programs

Iowa Central Labor Councils are eligible to host up to four free Labor Center classes per year as part of a unique educational program sponsored by the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO. Labor Councils are responsible only for the cost of class handouts. Call the IFL at 515-262-9571 for details on eligibility requirements.

Recent Central Labor Council classes

Examples of Central Labor Council classes held in 2010-2011:

Black Hawk Central Labor Council (Waterloo)

- Steward School

Dubuque Federation of Labor

The Dubuque Federation of Labor instituted a new "Workers' Academy," inviting union and community members to attend a six-week series of two-hour classes. The following Labor Center classes were included in the series:

- Common Sense Economics
- Public Sector Issues
- Globalization and Immigration
- Who's in Charge: Does It Matter?

Hawkeye Labor Council (Cedar Rapids)

- Common Sense Economics
- Labor History

Lee County Labor Council (Keokuk)

- Labor Law and Building Committees

Northwest Iowa Labor Council (Sioux City)

- Health Care / Grievance Handling
- Mobilizing/Communicating Labor's Message

Quad City Federation of Labor

- Common Sense Economics
- ADA and FMLA
- Iowa Labor History / Immigration



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How do I request a Central Labor Council class?

Consult with your Central Labor Council's leaders and affiliates; most CLCs require that plans for a class be announced, discussed, and formally approved at a CLC meeting. Call the Labor Center to discuss possible dates, agenda items, and assistance with publicizing your class.