

## LESSON 7: WHAT IS A UNION REPRESENTATIVE?

### Lesson aim:

- ✚ To explore the role of the union representative and to outline to students the importance of it in the workplace.

### Learning objectives:

At the end of this lesson students should be able to:

- ✚ list the roles and responsibilities of a union representative; and
- ✚ outline the ideal qualities a union representative should have and argue why they are important.

### Lesson outline:

Outline the role of a union representative and their qualities (this list is non-exhaustive and students can add to it as they wish, giving reasons for inclusion). Ensure students understand each one and discuss their importance.

- ✚ Individually students should list the qualities in order of importance, explaining their reasons.
- ✚ Then in groups, each should come to an agreement on the three most important qualities.
- ✚ Nominate a group member to report back on their top three qualities giving the background to their decision.
- ✚ After each group has reported back, the class should be given the opportunity to vote for the top three. If there is a tie between qualities, there should be a class discussion to decide which makes it into a final list.

### Assignment: Essay writing

Write an essay beginning with “The role of the union representative is very important because...”