

"As long as women workers make 59 cents for every dollar that men make—unions are needed."  
Regina V. Polk, 1981



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# THE POLK SCHOOL

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## WHEN?

May 17 – 21, 2023

## WHO?

The Polk School is for significantly female-identified people. We use an inclusive definition of "woman" and "female" and we welcome trans women, genderqueer women, and non-binary people who are significantly female-identified.

## WHERE?

Touch of Nature Center  
Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, Illinois

## COST?

\$675/person includes room, board, and classes.

Scholarships Available.

## HOW?

The goal of the program is to train women workers about the nuts and bolts of contract enforcement while also developing your skills as a leader. The curriculum is developed for women who are just beginning their training as well as those with more experience. This mix allows us to learn from one another.

During the four days, you will learn from over 30 women workers from Illinois and the Midwest representing all kinds of jobs. Courses are taught by university labor educators, staff of unions and worker organizations, and former Polk students.

By the end of the training, you will join the ranks of over 500 women workers who have attended The Polk School before you and have gone on to elected union leadership, union staff positions, returned to school, and so much more.

## ABOUT

The Regina V. Polk Women's Labor Leadership Conference is a multi-day participatory conference run by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Labor Education Program for working women that creates an open & invigorating space for rank and file women union activists & community leaders to learn from skilled instructors and one another.

## WHAT?

Courses include Grievance Handling, Public Speaking Skills, & Labor History taught by University of Illinois faculty and experienced labor educators.

## QUESTIONS?

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