

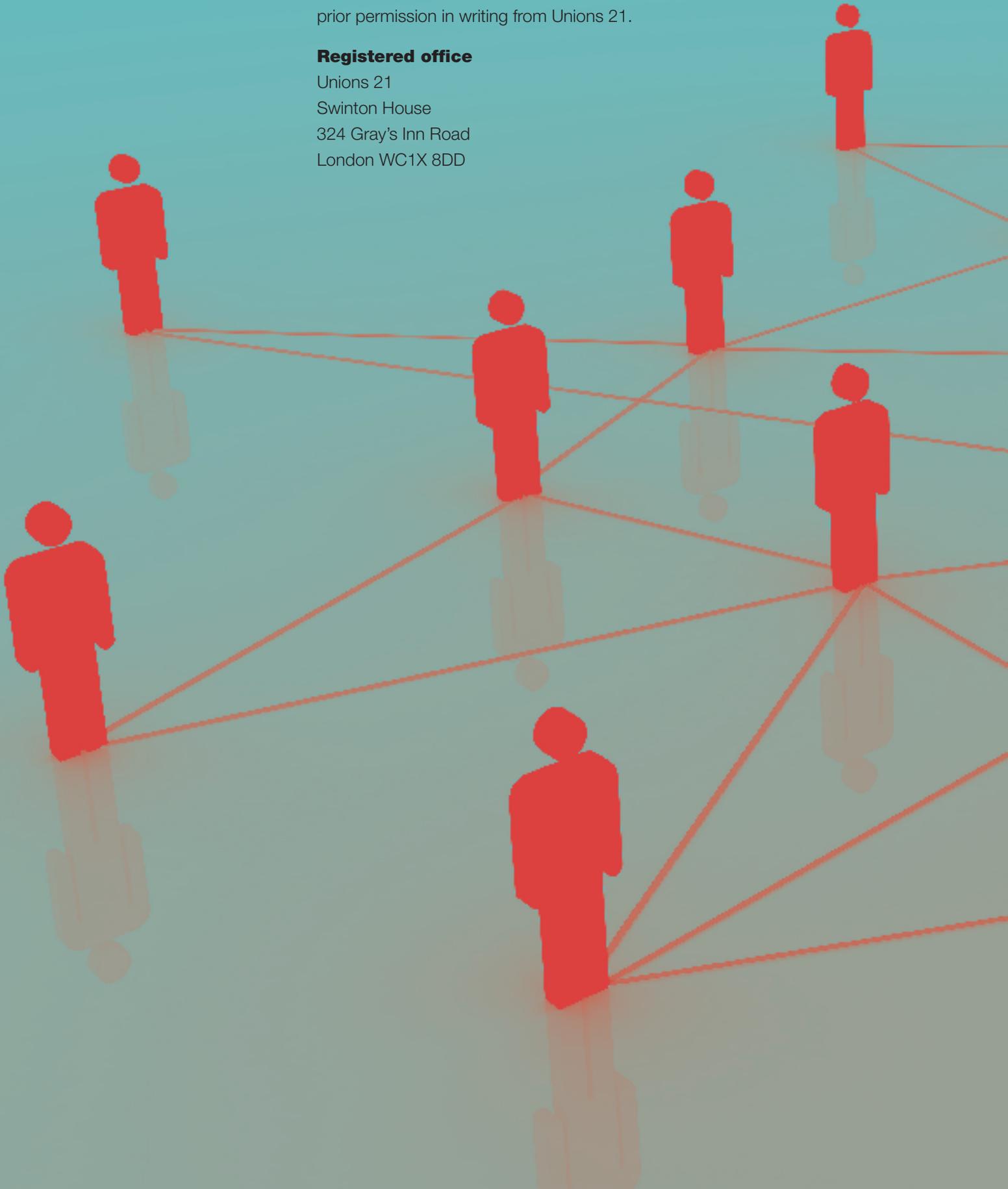
# Unions21

An introduction to  
Unions 21

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# Introduction

Unions 21 was formed in 1992 to look at the future of the trade union movement.

Recognising that unions need to modernise to keep pace with the changing workplace, Unions 21 exists to encourage sensible and realistic debate on the challenges today's unions face engaging with, and winning the support of, the 21st Century workforce.

Unions 21 is funded by contributions from trade unions and those who work with trade unions and works through publications, meetings, conferences and seminars with politicians, academics and the media as well as trade unionists. Our existing supporters come from across employment sectors and include more than 20 trade unions with a combined membership of well over 1.5 million members.

The organisation has no policies or complex structures; it simply exists to encourage trade unions to consider their own positions on the matters raised and to encourage a sustainable future for the trade union movement, which will continue to meet the needs of our members.

Who cares about skills?



Unions 21 progress our work through a range of activities.

## **[www.unions21.org.uk](http://www.unions21.org.uk)**

The Unions 21 website provides information on Unions 21 activity past, current and future.

## **Forefront e-zine**

Forefront magazine has been sent electronically since 2008 and continues to provide timely updates on latest events.

## **Publications**

Unions 21 produces a wide range of publications on the issues which should concern trade unions. The Debate series promotes discussion on important issues facing trade unions and their members.

## **Seminars and round tables**

On our own, or with partners, we bring people together to discuss issues. These gatherings allow union officers and members to debate many aspects of the issues that union members face and to share best practice of trade union activity.

## **Conferences**

Unions 21 holds an annual conference on a topic relevant to the debate.

## **Fringe meetings**

Unions 21 holds fringe meetings at the conferences of the national Trade Union Congresses (TUC, STUC and ICTU), often has a presence at the conferences of our supporters and will hold similar events at the conferences of appropriate political parties from the Governments across the UK.



Some of the speakers at previous Unions 21 events are pictured here

# Supporters

At the time of publication the registered supporters of Unions 21 include:



We are pleased to regularly welcome new supporters and that those interested in actively ensuring the future of the trade union movement is growing.

## Contact us

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## Recent Unions 21 publications include:

The EU – the next 50 years

The future for unions

Completing the revolution: the challenge  
trade unions face in tackling sex inequalities

Public sector delivery through the third sector

Organising workers globally: the need for  
public policy to regulate investment

