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Partnership Out Of Conflict The Emergence of the Educational Institute of Scotland's Learning Representatives

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Trade unions have historically been involved in education and training and this activity has gained greater credence and importance as a result of Union Learning Representatives — part of the present New Labour administration's drive to expand and improve lifelong learning and continuing professional development in order to create the new *learning society*.

In Scotland, the *21st Century Agreement*, signed up to by all the key stakeholders in Scottish education, has added impetus to the role of these representatives within the teaching profession.

This book examines how the Educational Institute of Scotland which represents the overwhelming majority of teachers in Scotland, has taken up the challenge and launched a Learning Representatives initiative, with the expressed desire that these representatives work to advise, broker and facilitate improved professional development opportunities for their colleagues, particularly in relation to Chartered Teacher status.

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